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‘Night of terror’ knifeman jailed

BY JORDAN DAY

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A POSTMAN who went on a terrifying stabbing rampage while high on drink and drugs has been jailed for 10 years.

Phillip Gregory, 34, brutally stabbed three people in one night of terror in Ely.

On the night, October 19 last year, the Royal Mail worker, who had been taking prescription drugs, got drunk. Just hours before the stabbings, Gregory had shown his friends the 4in knife he had on him while drinking in one of the city’s pubs.

Gregory’s first victim was Ely resident Scott Renachowski, who was walking across the Market Square when the blade was plunged into his neck. He was left with a wound 10cm deep, and a gash to the abdomen.

Michael Magee, prosecuting, said: “This man couldn’t return to work as a bar supervisor until two months after surgery, and that was part time. It took him four months to return full time. The attack has had a severe impact on him and his confidence.”

Gregory, who lived in Broad Street, then went on to attack another resident, Karen Downham-Armstrong, in Broad Street. He held her in a head lock and stabbed her three times.

Mr Magee said: “She thought he was going to kill her and if it wasn’t for her being held in the head lock, her wounds would have been much more serious.

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Lighting the way: 3-year-old Pippa Wing was among those enjoying the festive fare at Wicken Fen last week when the nature reserve hosted a night of traditional Christmas treats, including roasting chestnuts and carols. See full story and more pictures – Page 5.

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Arsonists torch cars

FIREFIGHTERS were called after arsonists struck in Ely.
Two cars were set alight while parked in Lynn Road on Monday.
Fire crews from the city were called out at 4.49am and arrived to find two vehicles on fire.
Two hose reel jets were used to extinguish the flames.
The crews returned to base at 5.55am and the cause of the fire was ruled as deliberate.

Eggs break window

POLICE are appealing for information after eggs were hurled at a property in Ely.
Yobs targeted a house in St Audrey's Way, shattering a ground floor window.
The incident happened some time between 9am on Tuesday, December 1 and 11am on Wednesday, December 2.
Anyone with any information should call police on 0345 4564564.

Nativity invitation

HADDENHAM residents are invited to the village's nativity this weekend.
The event is being held at the Holy Trinity Church from today until Saturday.
Performances are at 7.30pm.
Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children, and are available from Haddenham Galleries, Spar and the village post office.

Cuppa at Christmas

THE Friends of Ely Library will host a Christmas coffee morning on Saturday.
The event will run at the library meeting room from 10am-noon.
Hot drinks, mince pies and biscuits will be served and there will also be a raffle.

Digging in: Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides are joined at Soham recreation ground by, front from left, Cllr John Powley, vice chairman of Cambridgeshire County Council, MP Jim Pace and the Rev Tim Alban Jones. Picture: Keith Heppell

Green-fingers crossed for world planting record

SCOUTS and Guides grabbed their spades in a bid to break a world record – and help the planet.

As part of National Tree Week, which finished on Sunday, youngsters from the Soham Guiding and Scouting group held a bumper tree planting session.

Five trees were planted on the town's recreation ground on Saturday to mark the 'Tree o'clock' project.

The project is a world record attempt by groups around the country to get in the Guinness Book of Records for the most trees planted in one hour.

The current record is 653,143 nationwide.

Around 100 people, including South East Cambridgeshire MP Jim Paice and council representatives, attended the planting ceremony.

Peter Campbell-McBride, treasurer of the Soham Guides and Scouts Fund, said: "It was a brilliant morning with a pleasing amount of community support.

"We recorded what we did and we now need to send them off to help beat the world record."

But Soham Guides and Scouts also planted the trees to thank the local community for the support they have received.

Hundreds of local Guides and Scouts will soon benefit from a new headquarters in the town.

Already, the group and local businesses have raised more than £250,000 to help build the new hut, but around £100,000 is still needed.

After planning permission was secured earlier this year, the building contract has now been awarded to Soham firm CJ Murfitts. It is hoped building work will start next year.

If you can help raise funds, call Peter on 07710 943114.

Big jump in visitors to fen reserve

IT is celebrations all round at Wicken Fen Nature Reserve.

The reserve has reported a record breaking year with visitor numbers up 36 per cent on the previous year.

The National Trust reserve welcomed 35,846 visitors during the summer season, from March to September.

The reserve's learning team was also kept busy, hosting 3,317 school children on educational visits linked to the national curriculum – an increase of 44 per cent on 2008.

Almost 80 per cent of visitors rated their visit "very enjoyable", placing Wicken Fen joint top for National Trust properties in the East of England.

It also came 22nd in the overall league of 177 trust properties nationwide.

Chris Soans, Wicken Fen property manager, said: "The record breaking visitor numbers and satisfaction scores are a fantastic result and are a reflection of the hard work and dedication shown by Wicken's team of staff and volunteers.

"We try to put the visitor first in everything we do to ensure they have a fantastic day out.

"We held organised activities, boat trips or self guided trails every day throughout the summer holiday period and introduced the new sport of stand-up paddleboarding, which proved to be extremely popular.

"The new Dragonfly Centre which opened in July also attracted lots of interest."

Preparations are already in hand for 2010 with new activities such as stand-up paddleboarding safaris and the opening of a new butterfly trail planned for next spring.

It will also see the introduction of geocaching, a worldwide game of hiding and seeking treasure with people placing a "geocache" anywhere in the world, pinpointing its location using GPS technology and then sharing it existence and location online. Anyone with a GPS device can then try to locate the geocache.

A 'cruel blow' for taxpayers

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ELY residents face a council tax hike and even more service cuts in the New Year.

The same applies for all people living in East Cambridgeshire, the *Weekly News* can reveal.

East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) has heard that its Government Revenue Grant for 2010/11 is as low as the authority had feared.

The council has received an increase of just 1.1 per cent.

Fred Brown, authority leader, has described the small grant increase as a "cruel blow on the district".

He warned that a council tax hike would be inevitable.

Cllr Brown said: "The pitifully small grant increase we have received this year was not unexpected but it is still a cruel blow on the district.

"Sadly it is what we have come to expect from a Government which does not understand what life is really like outside their Westminster bubble.

"They do not comprehend the pressures that we face at a local level as our income falls and more and more people need our services as the recession continues to bite."

The increase of only £71,000, or roughly 86p per person, means the authority faces some "tough decisions", Cllr Brown has warned.

The news comes just a week after the Mayor of Ely, Cllr Richard Hobbs, alongside dozens of community leaders, announced his concerns about the future of Ely's community facilities.

As reported in recent weeks, Ely could lose its Croylands building and Larkfield Centre, both of which care for people with mental health issues and learning disabilities.

A lack of cash at both the district council and Cambridgeshire County Council could also see the Green Box facility, based at Witchford Village College, moved out of the area. The centre caters for children who are, for medical reasons, unable to access learning at a mainstream school.

Cllr Brown said: "Despite the significant efficiency savings the council has made in recent years, next year's budget, as we have long predicted, is going to be very tough

"As we work through the implications of this grant, we are going to have to look seriously at how the authority operates and consider the services we offer.

"Ultimately it is the council tax payer that may have to pick up some of the bill for the Government's failure to fund local government properly."

Big and brassy for charity gig

ONE of the region's top brass bands will feature in a charity Christmas concert.

The Wicken Coronation Band will be among the acts taking part in the Fordham Charity Group's 17th Christmas Celebration Concert at The Victoria Hall, Fordham on Saturday, December 19 at 7.30pm.

Musical theatre singer Lizzie Futter and pianist Bridget Hickish will also perform at the event to raise money for Staploe Medical Centre's patient transport service fund.

Tickets cost £6 each and are available from D N Jenkins TV shop, in Fordham, Soham Books, in Soham or by calling (01638) 720674.

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Disabled fishing bid for pits spot

A BEAUTY spot in Ely could soon boast a range of disabled leisure facilities, the *Weekly News* can reveal.

Businessman Jeremy Tyrrell has applied for planning permission to make Roswell Pits more disabled friendly.

East Cambridgeshire District Council has received plans for disabled leisure facilities to be built on the site, including fishing stages. The proposals also include building disabled toilets, emergency access and a parking area.

Mr Tyrrell, who runs Jalsea Marine Services Ltd, has submitted the plans in conjunction with Keith Slater, a disabled rights campaigner from Bury St Edmunds.

Mr Tyrrell was unavailable for comment but Mr Slater said: "These plans have been in the pipeline for a number of years.

"Ely is desperate for more disabled facilities and we think Roswell Pits would make a great place.

"I am aware that the pits are a controversial place but I am keeping well away from that."

The pits were designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest last year as it is believed to be the home of two male bitterns, as well as other important bird species.

But Mr Tyrrell is facing a fine of up to £20,000 after failing to remove unauthorised building work from the beauty spot.

The landowner has been served with a court summons for defying an enforcement notice issued last year.

The district council had ordered him to remove cabling, pipework, concrete slabs and hardcore from the site by October 1, as they had been installed without planning permission.

An appeal against the notice was dismissed by a planning inspector earlier this year, but the deadline for the remedial work was breached.

Planning chiefs will decide what extra steps to take later this month.

A district council spokesman confirmed the planning application would not stop the court action currently being taken.

He said: "This application is currently going through the normal planning consultation process.

"I can confirm this application does not stop the court action which is currently being taken regarding the failure to comply with an enforcement notice."

Cathedral welcomes Hollywood's finest

Royal role: Colin Firth shelters from the rain during filming for *The King's Speech*. Picture: Geoff Robinson.

FILM legends Colin Firth and Helena Bonham Carter have been spotted in Ely.

The multi-award-winning stars have been shooting scenes for a new blockbuster at Ely Cathedral.

It is thought they arrived late last week and were filming over the weekend.

As revealed in the *Weekly News*, filming for *The King's Speech*, which is due to be released next year, has been going on at the cathedral.

Cathedral staff had hoped to keep the action quiet in a bid to keep the paparazzi at bay, but information was leaked about a fortnight in advance.

The film tells the story of the relationship between King George VI, plagued by a nervous stammer, and the irreverent Australian speech therapist who helped him.

It is based on the true story of the present Queen's father and his friendship with speech therapist Lionel Logue.

Firth stars as George VI, with Bonham Carter playing his wife, the former Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon. *The King's Speech* also stars Guy Pearce, Sir Michael Gambon, Timothy Spall, Derek Jacobi and Jennifer Ehle.

A cathedral spokeswoman said: "Filming took place late last week and I can confirm it ended over the weekend."

It is the fifth time in four years that Ely has been used as film location. Credits include *Elizabeth: The Golden Age* and *The Other Boleyn Girl*.

Knifeman is jailed

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Rampage: Phillip Gregory.

"The incident happened just a short distance from her house which has made her feel totally unsafe in her own home. She is also seeking counselling and cannot go out in the dark alone."

Gregory's third victim was Sean Baker, who tried to help Mrs Downham-Armstrong in the street. He received a 15cm deep cut in his abdomen. After extensive surgery, Mr Baker suffered from "profound effects" from the stabbings and emigrated with his partner, Mr Magee added.

Gregory, previously of good character, was found guilty of three counts of wounding with intent by Cambridge Crown Court in September. He denied intent.

At a sentencing hearing last week, Paul Phillips, mitigating, said: "Mr Gregory is extremely remorseful and he has an insight into what effects this incident has had on his victims, as well as his own family.

"He is a hard-working and well respected man in the local community."

Judge Jonathan Haworth sentenced Gregory to 10 years, of which he must serve half. Once released, he will be under strict supervision.

Judge Haworth said: "These stabbings occurred on a night which was nothing but a night of terror in Ely. You were drunk but not so drunk that you were not in control of yourself and you went out armed with a knife.

"This has had a significant effect on these victims' lives and every one of them does not feel safe in their own city now, so much so that one of them has left the country."

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Queue 'chaos' at P.O. sparks call for action

DISGRUNTLED customers are demanding a better service at Ely's post office.

BY JORDAN DAY

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Residents using the city's only post office on the High Street are facing queues of up to 30 minutes each time they visit.

And with the run-up to Christmas expected to become even more chaotic, they say more counter staff should be brought in to cope with the queues.

Some customers are even worried that the festive parcels they are sending out via the post office will not make it in time for the big day.

Yvonne Wilkinson, of Ely's Barton Road, told the *Weekly News*: "No matter what time of day you go there at the moment, the queues are long.

"It has always been a busy post office but with people sending Christmas cards and presents off, on top of their usual things, it is more chaotic than ever.

"The other morning I went there and walked away again as the queue was out the door.

"But when I came back later on it was just as bad – I ended up queuing for a good 25 minutes."

Another frustrated customer, Vince Butler, of Cambridge Road, said Royal Mail should put more staff behind the counters to cope with the "mad Christmas rush".

Speaking outside the post office this week, he added: "I feel sorry for the staff more than anyone else as the queues just do not die down.

"They are literally working flat out and the people queuing end up getting irate with them as they are waiting for so long.

"I just hope the parcels I am sending end up leaving the office as there is so much for them to deal with right now."

Egremont Street resident, Sherine Conyers, said: "The queues are so big they put people off going in there but we have to.

"They need more staff on over Christmas as it is just manic right now."

Since the closure of numerous post offices in the area, the High Street office has been hit with "extra custom", according to staff.

A Royal Mail Group spokeswoman said: "We have had a couple of people absent from the branch due to illness recently which may have caused some short term issues.

"There are no vacancies at the branch and every effort is being made to ensure that customers are being served as quickly as possible.

"We apologise to any customers who have experienced delays at Ely Post Office during this busy time of year."

■ What do you think? Is it just the Christmas rush causing delays or have post office closures in the area put too much pressure on the city branch? Are you a regular user of the office fed up with waiting in long queues? Email your letters to *editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk*

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Flushed with pride over toilet awards

A RECORD 10 toilets in East Cambridgeshire have been awarded stars in this year's Loo of the Year Awards.

The district council's cleaning team has been bowled over by the results, which has seen four receive five star rating, five with four stars and one with three.

The competition involves judges visiting the lavatories and marking them on their cleanliness, signage, décor and hygiene.

Toilets awarded five stars in Ely were those on Barton Road, Ship Lane and Newnham Street, as well as Lode Lane car park in Wicken.

Four stars were awarded to the toilets in Littleport car park, The Cloisters, Sarcist Gate and Palace Green, Ely.

The facilities throughout the district are kept clean by the council's maintenance team leader, Derek Mitchell, and his toilet cleaning team.

Pick up the perfect Christmas present

LAST-minute Christmas present ideas will fill the Beet Sports and Social Club in Ely this weekend.

A bumper festive craft show will be held at the club, on Lynn Road, on Saturday and Sunday from 10.30am-4.30pm.

There will be more than 30 craft stalls, as well as attractions including the Raptor Owl Sanctuary.

Entry is £1.50 and car parking is free.

For more information, visit *www.elycraftshow.co.uk* or call (01353) 740725.

Footpath changes part of home plan

CHANGES are planned to a footpath in Ely's Downham Road.

Sanctuary Hereward housing association wants to make changes to number 7, including building a new concrete hard-standing at the front of the property.

Plans also feature an associated drop kerb and footpath work.

Proposals have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council and a decision is expected within the next eight weeks.

To view the plans, visit *www.east cambs.gov.uk*

Search for Santa at wildlife reserve

SANTA will visit children at Wicken Fen Nature Reserve this weekend.

Visitors will be able to follow the trial around the boardwalk and discover him in his secret grotto.

There will also be festive crafts sessions.

The event will be held this Saturday and Sunday, as well as December 19 and 20.

Trails start at 10.30am, 11.15am, 1pm, 1.45pm and 2.30pm.

For tickets or more information, call (01353) 720274.

Plan submitted for garage conversion

A PROPERTY on Littleport's Station Road is set for a revamp.

Plans have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council for number 18 to be extended and for its garage to be converted.

The proposals include making alterations to the existing bungalow and separate garage.

The applicants are Mr P. Parks and Mrs A. Gwinnett, of Victoria Street.

To view the plans, visit *www.east cambs.gov.uk*

Cracked slabs 'unsafe' for Cloisters shoppers

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BROKEN paving slabs are making a popular Ely shopping spot a safety hazard, pedestrians have warned.

People have reported they are tripping up and have to keep a closer eye on where they walk when strolling through The Cloisters, just off the city's Market Place.

Numerous shoppers have contacted the *Weekly News* about the "neglected" area, which is home to a variety of shops, including Wilkinsons and Waitrose.

In particular, a damaged paved area just outside fashion store Peacocks and café Carringtons is causing concern.

Rita Meadows, 67, of Cambridge Road, said: "Something needs to be done.

"Outside Peacocks there is a corner where the paving slabs are all cracked and uprooted. I have tripped up there on at least two occasions so I am sure others must have.

"This is a popular shopping area in Ely so should be in tip-top condition. Cracked slabs are making it look quite neglected and unsafe for people shopping there."

Another concerned shopper, Pam Hazelwood, of Back Hill, said: "Pedestrians do need to watch when walking through The Cloisters.

"There are quite a few hazardous spots where slabs are cracked and sticking up, making it easy for people to trip.

"Outside Peacocks and near the library is a particularly bad area. These broken slabs should surely be cleared away and replaced as soon as they are damaged?"

A waitress at Carringtons, who did not want to be named, confirmed customers had recently complained about the state of paving areas in the precinct.

She added: "There have been some people, in particular elderly ladies, who have tripped up out there because there are some uneven surfaces."

The Cloisters is managed by Dexter Brown, a company based in Milton Keynes and the letting agency is Bidwells.

Richard Lee, a surveyor at Dexter Brown, said they had received no formal complaints about the state of The Cloisters.

He said: "We regularly inspect it to check for areas in need of repair. We have found no damaged areas and have received no complaints.

"If we do receive complaints we would send someone down there immediately to inspect the damage."

Gift: from left, Marion Thulborn with Coley, Eunice Dunlop with Flynn and Cynthia Turner with Todd. Picture: Richard Patterson 615059.

Kings give paws for thought

FESTIVE spirits were high when a trio of beloved mutts starred as the Three Kings of Orient.

The Ely branch of the Hearing Dogs for Deaf People held a Paws for Christmas Coffee morning in the city last Thursday.

The stars of the show were Scampi, Cole and Flynn, who are all hearing dogs working in the Ely area.

To highlight their importance, organisers made them the Three Kings for the special morning, which was held at the Ely Cathedral Centre.

Gill Yeates, regional fundraiser for Hearing Dogs, said: "Hearing dogs Scampi, Cole and Flynn are our very own Three Kings.

"Their gift to their deaf owners, Jean, Marion and Eunice is to alert them to sounds we take for granted, providing greater independence, confidence and security."

As well as getting the chance to meet the hounds, visitors were also able to buy Christmas cards and stocking fillers, with all funds going directly to the charity.

For more information about the charity, email *gill.yeates@hearingdogs.org.uk*

Fight in prison cell was over drugs, court told

A FORMER St Ives taxi driver who died after a prison beating had been involved in a scuffle over drugs shortly before he died, a court heard at the start of the defence case.

Brian Haynes, 23, died in his cell at HMP Peterborough after suffering a heart attack caused by blunt force injury to his head and face.

Five prisoners are standing trial at Norwich Crown Court accused of manslaughter on September 11 last year.

The court has heard how Dale Maddison, from Ely, allegedly faked an epileptic fit to attract the attention of guards.

With the decoy system in place, 7ft 3in Gary Stretch acted as 'look-out' while his accomplices administered a vicious beating to Haynes in his cell.

Shane Farrington, 26, of HMP Peterborough; Dale Maddison, 43, of Deacons Lane, Ely; Sammy Lindsay, 22, of Stamford; Sebastian Waller, 26, of Morland Court, Peterborough; and Gary Stretch, 43, of Badgeney Road, March, deny the offence.

A sixth prisoner, Paul Jefford, 24, of Wellington Street, Peterborough, has admitted manslaughter.

As the defence case started, Farrington told the court he had seen Jefford exchange blows with Mr Haynes in a row over drugs shortly before Haynes' death. He said: "There was a problem about the size of the heroin packets. Jefford was complaining the packets were too small.

"Mr Haynes got angry with Jefford. There was an argument between them and Brian hit Jefford in the face and Jefford hit him back."

He then claimed one of the others became involved. Farrington claimed that when he left the cell, Mr Haynes was alright.

He added that when they went back to look for things to take, Mr Haynes was slumped behind the door.

The jury was earlier played CCTV which showed prison officers appearing to be distracted by an event and a few seconds later Jefford leading Waller, Lindsay and Farrington into the cell with Stretch outside.

Haynes was jailed for four years for causing grievous bodily harm and drug dealing after attacking a stranger in Cambridge with a baseball bat.

The case continues.

'Inconvenient' loos problem

ELY Cathedral has been criticised by a government body – for its lack of loos.

English Heritage says a lack of toilet facilities at the medieval building is causing "real inconvenience" for visitors.

The criticism comes after a study into the state of the country's cathedrals was carried out by the non-departmental government public body.

The report said: "Ely Cathedral is popular both as a tourist attraction and as a venue for concerts and events.

"However, a lack of toilet facilities available when public events are held has caused real inconvenience for visitors.

"The construction of the new Processional Way, making the 14th-century Lady Chapel accessible from the north side of the choir, also provided a discreet opportunity to install new toilet facilities.

"The Processional Way, costing £750,000 is the first structural addition to the cathedral since the reformation and uses the original course of the passage, which was excavated by the cathedral's archaeologist.

"The report highlights the enhanced potential of both integrating the great Lady Chapel more fully into the liturgy and providing much-needed visitor facilities."

Lesley Ann Thompson, marketing manager at the cathedral, was shocked at the report's comments.

She told the *Weekly News*: "We have plenty of toilets all over the place so it may just be a case of people not knowing where they all are."

But the cathedral also earned praise for undertaking "striking projects" and renovation work.

Mrs Thompson added: "We could not have sustained the level of repair of the fabric without the generous funding of English Heritage over the last 10 years.

"The future of Ely Cathedral is highly dependent on this level of donation since the maintenance and repair is ongoing."

Christmas cheer: above, from left, basket maker Nadine Anderson, Wicken Fen visitor services manager Isabel Sedgwick, local image maker Will Harvey and wildlife photographer Jeoff Harrison. Below, Pippa Wing, 3.

Pictures: David Johnson 615392/89.

Lanterns light the way to festive fun

HOT punch and roasted chestnuts brought yuletide cheer to Wicken Fen Nature Reserve last Friday.

More than 100 people donned their winter woollies for an evening of traditional festive activities at the reserve.

The National Trust invited families to the celebrations, which saw the boardwalk lit up with Christmas lanterns.

Visitors were able to try a glass of Wicken Warmer, a non-alcoholic punch, roasted chestnuts and locally-reared meats on the barbecue.

Carol singers also entertained the crowds around the Christmas tree while shoppers snapped up festive gifts from a range of craft stalls.

Isabel Sedgwick, visitor services manager at the reserve, said: "The event was a huge success.

"We had more than 100 people enjoying themselves here, including many who went out and did the boardwalk with lamps.

"The hot punch and barbecue were a great hit too."

Cyclist hurt in collision

A CYCLIST was rushed to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge after being knocked off his bike.

The 32-year-old man was in collision with a white Vauxhall van just after 4.30pm on Monday.

Emergency services and police were called to the accident on the A142, Witchford Road, near Ely.

The man suffered minor injuries and was taken to hospital by land ambulance.

The van driver was uninjured in the collision.

A spokeswoman for the East of England Ambulance Service said: "The man was conscious and breathing when we arrived and was alert.

"He was given treatment at the scene and was then taken through to Addenbrooke's."

Police confirmed they were called to the scene at 4.35pm.

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Pub crawl ended in horrific smash

BY JORDAN DAY

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A DRUNK driver who crashed his friend's BMW – leaving one of the passengers with "horrific" leg injuries – has been spared jail.

Aaron Collins, 22, had been on a pub crawl with two friends, Christopher Maltby and Kieran Granger, before he decided to get behind the wheel.

Downing a mixture of beer and vodka, none of them stayed sober enough to drive Mr Maltby's vehicle legally on the evening of March 15. The horror smash happened after Collins took the wheel, insisting he was the most sober of the three.

Jonathan Seely, prosecuting, explained that the BMW belonged to Mr Maltby and said: "The accident happened at around 10.45pm after the three of them had attended a number of public houses.

"Mr Collins decided he was the most sober of the three so took the keys.

"The group started off in The Three Kings, in Haddenham, and then drove to St Ives before returning to the village. They had also been drinking in Soham.

"Mr Collins was driving through Wilburton when he swerved to the right-hand side and hit a concrete bollard. The car then flipped over.

"He and Mr Granger managed to escape from the vehicle through the smashed windows but Mr Maltby, the front seat passenger, was trapped.

"A lady who lived nearby heard the smash from her home and came out to help. She found them trying to pull Mr Maltby out of the car and they told her not to call the police or ambulance.

"But the woman told them they were doing more damage by trying to get him out of the car themselves and she called 999.

"Mr Collins then started to walk home to get help, which is when police caught up with him."

Collins, of Newtown Road, Haddenham, was breath-tested, giving a reading of 51 micrograms of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit is 35 micrograms.

Collins and Mr Granger suffered minor injuries, but Mr Maltby suffered serious injuries, including a fractured femur and tibia, and required extensive surgery.

Mr Seely said: "The last we heard was that Mr Maltby was going to have his leg amputated."

Collins was originally charged with dangerous driving, to which he pleaded not guilty, but the charge was amended to careless driving, which he admitted.

He also admitted drink-driving, driving with no insurance and failing to stop at the scene of an accident.

Philip Farr, mitigating, said: "It is clear that this is a very serious case where horrific injuries were caused, but this was a one-off appalling error of judgment and my client has genuine remorse.

"He knows he should have never got behind the wheel but the reason he swerved was because an animal ran across the road in front of them."

Judge Jonathan Haworth, at Cambridge Crown Court, sentenced Collins to a 12-month community order with 240 hours of unpaid work in the community.

He was also banned from the road for 18 months, fined £250, ordered to pay £200 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Judge Haworth told Collins: "It is remarkable that three young men went out on a pub crawl with a car and not one of you decided to lay off the drink. When you took over the steering wheel, the consequences were a dreadful accident."

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Please explain parking plans

Sir, The latest attempt by the council to deal with parking problems in Ely show that, in spite of the tens of thousands of pounds spent on consultants, they have no practical ideas to solve the perceived problem (Commuters face fees hike to cut congestion – *Weekly News*, December 3)

It is quite obvious that the real intention of the council is to impose parking charges on all car parks. However, how do they think increasing charges for the sensible park users will encourage the non-payers to use the car park.

The imposition of higher fees will only increase the problems facing the residents of streets near the railway station who now have problems with commuters' cars blocking driveways, causing obstruction for larger vehicles and regular use of the footpaths. It seems the same problem now faces the firms on the trading estate.

Are the roads on the estate part of the public highway? If so, then a full traffic order will be required and this will affect genuine visitors to the site. If the roads are not highway then to make an "off street parking places order" will require the council to accept responsibility for the entire road system on the site.

Will someone on the committee looking at the problem tell us all what they intend to do to control the general parking problems caused by the last order made and what they are doing for the residents who are seriously affected.

The proposed action will not provide a single extra parking space in the city area.

Philip Gould
Dovehouse Close
Ely

MEMORIES

■ THIS week's picture, taken from our archives, shows a nativity scene.
Do you recognise anyone in the picture or know what the event was? Do you know where and when it was taken?
Send your answers to: Memories, *Ely Weekly News*, 27 Market Place, Ely, CB7 4NP by Tuesday morning, or email *editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk*
Picture: 454915.

Last week's Memories photograph, from our archives, showed a choir service at Ely Cathedral. It was taken in June, 1982.

Picture: 589336.

Plants are just selective weeds

Sir, In reply to Geoffrey Woollard's letter (Battling to save next generation – November 26).

Actually, all plants are weeds. When you allow and grow certain plants rather than others you are then managing your land to the selective weeds you wish to grow. There's no bad weed, just your perception of it.

People's values will determine the choices they make and I even quote those which "now believe that humans should know better than to mimic the natural cruelty of nature".

I think you will find that the National Trust is having to come in-line with other European countries that have long-standing policies on reserves, not the other way round.

Alison Arnold
Fleetwood
Ely

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Credit unions can help you save and offer loans

HALF the respondents to an online survey on how we spend our cash did not know what a credit union is.

These are volunteer-run organisations that encourage members to make regular savings and give them access to low-cost loans. One example is the Cambridge City Credit Union (CCCU).

David Warren, a member of the organising committee, said: "We started off about 10 years ago and it was a city council-supported venture. It was the North Cambridge Credit Union but we have expanded to take in the whole city. We have 150 members, mostly in Arbury and King's Hedges.

"We try to make it as easy as possible for people to save. You develop the habit of paying in. You have to save for 13 weeks before you can apply for a loan.

"It is much cheaper to borrow from a credit union than other sources. We charge 1 per cent a month interest. A big advantage of credit unions is you establish your own credit worthiness."

Thanks to an agreement between CCCU and the city council, members can access its services at the City Homes North and City Homes South offices.

Here are 10 ways to get help with your cash:

■ **CAMBRIDGE and District CAB: For advice on managing your money, call the CAB helpline on 0844 898 7979 or visit *www.cambridgecab.org.uk***

■ Cambridge City Credit Union: For information, visit *www.cambridgecreditunion.org.uk* or call (01223) 314664

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Man hurt in ditch crash

Accident scene: the driver of this vehicle was seriously hurt following a traffic collision on Ely Road, Littleport.

Picture: Keith Jones 614840.

A MOTORIST was taken to hospital with serious injuries after crashing into a ditch.

The male driver, who has yet to be named by police, had to be cut free from the vehicle after it was wrapped around a tree and ended up in the water-filled dyke.

The accident happened just before 10.10am last Wednesday on Ely Road between Chettisham and Littleport and involved a silver Renault car.

The East of England Air Ambulance along with a land ambulance and police attended the crash scene.

After being freed from the car, the motorist was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital by land ambulance.

He was in a serious but not life-threatening condition after suffering head and chest injuries.

A Cambridgeshire police spokeswoman said: "Police and emergency services, including the air ambulance, were called to a single road traffic collision at 10.07am.

BY JORDAN DAY

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"The vehicle was in a ditch around five metres from the road and he had to be freed from inside.

"The car was upside down and he suffered serious injuries."

A spokeswoman for the East of England Ambulance Service said: "The man was conveyed to hospital by land ambulance.

"The air ambulance was called to offer expert support but was not used.

"He suffered chest injuries and head injuries in the collision but was conscious and breathing."

A passer-by told the *Weekly News*: "It looked really bad. The car was in a mess.

"But the emergency services were on the scene very quickly."

Medic injured on 999 call-out

A PARAMEDIC is believed to have suffered a broken rib in a crash between his vehicle and a Land Rover.

The incident happened last Thursday on the B1411 between Little Downham and Ely, close to the junction with the A10, while the rapid response vehicle was travelling to a 999 call. The driver was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge.

A spokeswoman for the East of England Ambulance Service said the driver sustained rib injuries.

He was X-rayed but later discharged.

She said he was believed to have a fractured rib.

The driver of the other vehicle was not hurt.

The ambulance service spokeswoman added: "Police will be investigating and so will we, as we would in the event of any incident of a similar nature."

Smash: the rapid response vehicle's driver was taken to hospital after the crash.

Picture: Richard Patterson 614954.

Pupils play Santa for charity run

WHITE beards and red Santa hats will be used to help raise money for East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) next week.

King's Junior School will hold its own Santa Run to raise cash for the charity, which is the school's chosen beneficiary this year.

For several years, EACH Santa Runs have been held in the run up to Christmas in towns all over East Anglia, including Cambridge and Peterborough.

This year, the charity has been encouraging local schools to take part in running their own events.

Both pupils and staff at the junior school will be donning festive fancy dress for the event on Wednesday, December 16.

Taking place from 2.30-3.30pm, the run will be held on the school campus.

Earlier this year, £480 was raised from the school's non-uniform day and the charity also shared around £450 raised on Children in Need day.

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Family Announcements

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Deaths

BURTON Heather loving wife of Will Burton, mother and caring person, passed peacefully to rest on Sunday, November 29th, 2009. No flowers, but donations to Arthur Rank Hospice Charities, may be sent to Richard Stebbings Funeral Service Ltd, Kendal House, Cambridge Road, Impington, Cambridge. CB24 9YS. Tel: 01223 232309.

FARR. Frank Leonard, formerly of Topham Way, Cambridge, passed away peacefully at his home in Littleport on Monday, November 30th, 2009, aged 86 years. Dearly loved husband of the late Lily, treasured dad to Vanessa and Stephanie, special grandad to Nicola and great-grandad to Ashley and dear uncle to Ros and Ken. Funeral service at Cambridge City Crematorium, East Chapel on Friday, December 11th, 2009 at 1.45pm. Family flowers only but donations for RSPB may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service Limited, 4 Tower Road, Ely. CB7 4HW.

JUGG. John Edward of Berry Close, Stretham passed peacefully away at his home, on Wednesday, December 2nd, 2009, aged 73 years. Dearly loved husband of Carol, a much loved father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother. Funeral service at St James Church, Stretham, on Thursday, December 10th, at 2.00pm, followed by interment in the parish cemetery. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Arthur Rank Hospice Charity, will be gratefully received at the service or c/o A G Carter Funeral Director, 6 Froize End, Haddenham, Cambs. CB6 3UQ.

POZDZIOCH. Joyce, passed peacefully away at Hilton Park Care Centre, Bottisham, on Tuesday, December 1st, 2009, aged 83 years. Beloved wife of the late Thaddeus, mother of Michael, grandma of Carrie, Holly and Katie and great-grandma of Dakota. Joyce will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Ely, on Wednesday, December 9th, at 3.00pm, followed by cremation at Cambridge City Crematorium, East Chapel, at 4.00pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations made payable to The British Heart Foundation may be sent c/o R J Pepper & Son Funeral Directors, 27 High Street, Soham, Ely, Cambs. CB7 5HA or at the service. Tel: 01353 720222.

Deaths

ROGERSON. Richard James (Dick) of Camping Close, Haddenham, passed peacefully away at Papworth Hospital, on Thursday, December 3rd, 2009, aged 74 years. Dearly loved husband to Daphne, devoted dad to Malvin, Maxine, Nigel and Martin, a wonderful grandad and father-in-law. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Haddenham, on Tuesday, December 15th, at 2.00pm, followed by interment in the parish cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Papworth Hospital Charity Cardiac Unit will be greatly received at the service or c/o A G Carter Funeral Director, 6 Froize End, Haddenham, Cambs. CB6 3UQ.

STANNARD. Timothy Michael, of Nene Road, Ely, passed away suddenly on Monday, November 30th, 2009, aged 56 years. Dearly loved husband of Karen, loving father of Samantha and dear son of Dorothy. Funeral service at Cambridge City Crematorium, West Chapel, on Monday, December 14th, at 2.15pm. Flowers if desired, or donations if prefered for East Anglian Ambulance Trust will be gratefully received at the service or c/o A G Carter Funeral Director, 6 Froize End, Haddenham, Cambs. CB6 3UQ.

WHITE. Lucy (nee Brown) aged 84 years, after a short illness, died on Sunday, November 22nd, 2009, in Falkirk Infirmary, in Scotland (formerly of Whittlesford and Sutton). She leaves a loving husband Geoffrey, sister Ann, brother-in-law Mike, stepchildren Jayne, Debbie and Simon, daughter-in-law Trina and much loved grandchildren Luc, Steve, Holly and Gemma.

WILLIAMS. Sheila Lilian Grace (nee Dobson) of Ely, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Thursday, November 26th, 2009, aged 79 years. Adored wife of Ronald and devoted mother of Keith and Martin. She will be sorely missed by all her family, a void in all our lives that will never be filled. Sheila will be fondly remembered by all who came to know her. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Ely, on Thursday, December 10th, 2009, at 1.45pm, followed by committal at Cambridge City Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations for Cancer Research UK may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service limited, 4 Tower Road, Ely. CB7 4HW.

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Slimline: Higgins, now down to 8kg after shedding 3kg. CP.

Former fat cat in search of new home

THOUSANDS of people up and down the country battle with their weight.

But there is one unusual yo-yo dieter currently fighting the flab near Ely.

Higgins is a black long-haired cat currently being cared for at the RSPCA Block Fen Centre in Wimblington.

The two-year-old feline arrived at the centre in March weighing a massive 11kgs.

But after months of restricted amounts of cat food and some TLC, Higgins has now lost 3kgs and is ready for a new home.

Rita Austin, the centre's cattery supervisor, said: "He is a very loveable cat who answers to his name and can learn tricks quickly, especially for a small reward!

"We think Higgins will make the perfect companion, especially to anyone who can identify with the trials and tribulations of weight watching."

Police catch out drivers in clampdown

ROAD safety issues and anti-social use of vehicles has been targeted across East Cambridgeshire.

As part of a joint operation involving Cambridgeshire Constabulary's roads policing unit and the Special Constabulary, 53 people were caught for improper use of seat belts and 16 were caught using their mobile phones while driving.

A total of 14 vehicles were found to have tinted windscreen offences and two vehicles had number plate offences.

There were also six drivers caught for having no insurance and two were caught speeding.

Sgt Will Davis said: "The results from this operation were very pleasing.

"It was good to have the opportunity to put a lot of resources into this issue which troubled so many local people.

"Hopefully those drivers caught will have learned their lesson and will not re-offend."

The operation was launched following residents' concerns about road safety raised at neighbourhood panel meetings in the district.

Students get on their bikes

PEDAL power will be on display at the City of Ely Community College.

Year 9 students will embark on a charity bike ride in the college grounds to raise cash for Guide Dogs for the Blind from 11.30am on Sunday.

The ride will last around two hours.

All are welcome to attend to support the students.

Social housing crisis on the way, warns MP

BY JORDAN DAY

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HOMES in the Ely area are becoming less affordable despite an increase in need for housing, an MP has warned.

Malcolm Moss, MP for North East Cambridgeshire, believes that while the demand for affordable housing in the district has sharply increased during the recession, the supply of new homes has fallen.

This has resulted in house prices soaring in recent years, he says.

According to figures from the National Housing Federation, the average home in North East Cambridgeshire now costs £157,764 compared with £56,190 in 1998.

That is an increase of 181 per cent.

At the same time, local people are no more able to afford a home than they were 10 years ago, with average earnings in North East Cambridgeshire reaching only £17,976 per year.

This means that average local house prices are now 8.8 times the average salary.

With most mortgage-lenders only offering mortgages of three times the annual salary, many first-time buyers will find that they are unable to get onto the property ladder.

The figure for the whole of the Eastern region is even higher, with house prices a staggering 10.8 times the average salary.

According to the National Housing Federation, more than 250,000 households are expected to move across the country each year until 2026, adding further to housing demand.

Five million people could be on housing waiting lists by 2010.

Mr Moss said: "I am very concerned at how house prices are sky-rocketing without people being any more able to afford to buy a home.

"This is a worrying trend and we will see a huge increase in the number of people on the waiting list for social housing in just a few years.

"I have already felt a considerable increase in the number of constituents contacting me with housing concerns.

"We need a massive boost to social housing just to cope with the rising number of people on waiting lists and I will be calling on the Government to provide additional funding for more social housing across the board.

"Local people must be able to afford a roof over their heads, and the situation we're in with ever-increasing house prices is simply unsustainable."

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Stimulating talk for Inner Wheel members

MEMBERS of the Inner Wheel Club of Ely were treated to an interesting talk recently.
Andrew Bateman, clinical manager at the city's Oliver Zangwill Centre, spoke about the work being carried out at the site, which specialises in brain injury rehabilitation.
Betty Flack, club president, also presented Mr Bateman with a cheque for the centre.
The club's next meeting will be held at the Nyton Hotel where a festive meal will be on offer.
Members were also asked to put their names forward to sing to residents at Lily House and Baird Lodge on January 9 to celebrate International Inner Wheel Day.
For more information, contact Mary Spinks on (01353) 663693

Council to rule on town bungalow bids

PLANS for two new bungalows in Soham have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council.
Mr A. Turner, of Hasse Road, wants to build a detached bungalow on land next to Santa Maria.
Mr D. Harvey, of Belstead Road, Ipswich, wants to build a three-bedroom detached chalet bungalow on land at the rear of 52 The Butts.
A decision on both proposals is expected within the next eight weeks.
To have your say, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*

Arrange a date for floral art session

THE Littleport Flower Arrangement Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, December 18.
The evening will be a practical one giving people the chance to make their own arrangements for the festive season.
New members are always welcome.
For more information, ring (01353) 860102 or (01353) 863421.

Crews called out as arsonists hit caravan

ARSONISTS set fire to a caravan in Fordham.
The incident happened at around 1.50am on Thursday, November 26.
Two fire crews from Soham attended the blaze at Fordham Moor and used three hose reel jets to put out the flames.

'Nasty' thugs attack and punch pensioner

BY JORDAN DAY
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SOHAM residents have spoken of their shock after a elderly pensioner was viciously attacked in the town.

The terrifying assault happened in Paddock Street, when two men ambushed the 85-year-old on a footpath.

One of the thugs searched the woman's coat pockets and the other kept watch along the path.

After finding nothing in her pockets, the man punched her and they both ran away.

The "nasty" incident happened on the path near to the duck pond at 5.30pm on Thursday, November 26.

The woman reported the incident to police the following Monday.

Police are now appealing for information to help catch the muggers.

Patricia Baker, of Pratt Street, contacted the *Weekly News* after hearing about the "disgraceful" incident.

The 82-year-old said: "Everyone in Soham's talking about it as things like this rarely happen here.

"For these men to pick on an 85-year-old woman is a disgrace.

"Not only did they mug her but they punched her when they found out she had nothing worth taking.

"I hope the police find these men and give them what they deserve."

Another pensioner, who did not want to be named, said: "It is worrying to think things like this could happen in your town.

"The victim must have been terrified."

DC Gary Loth, investigating, said: "We would like to hear from anyone who may have seen the robbery or these two men in the area at the time.

"This was a nasty attack on a vulnerable woman and any information, no matter how small, could help to bring the offenders to justice."

The first man is described as aged around 20, 6ft tall and of stocky build. He was wearing a dark long-sleeved hooded top, dark trousers and a dark scarf covering his face.

The second man is described as aged around 16, 5ft 2in tall and slim. He was wearing a dark hooded top and jeans.

Anyone with any information should contact DC Loth on 0345 456 4564 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

Mr Wing's career set to take off

A TEACHER from Witchford Village College is one step closer to becoming a headmaster.

Jason Wing, the school's vice principal, is one of 54 teachers from the East of England to achieve the National College's Professional Qualification (NCPQ) for Headship.

The qualification means he can now take on his first headship role.

Rob Bollington, director at the NPQH Graduation Centre for National College, said: "Being a head is a great job and NPQH will prepare these aspiring headteachers to take the next step in their careers.

"These 54 headteachers from the East of England will be vital in influencing the life chances of young people and helping to develop the communities they live in."

For more information about the scheme, visit *www.nationalcollege.org.uk/npqh*

Congratulations: Jason Wing with his National College Professional Qualification for Headship. CP

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'Aladdin's cave' for Christmas

Gift ideas: Alastair Hull, of Haddenham Galleries, with some of the exhibition pieces. Picture: Roger Adams 612023

A CHRISTMAS extravaganza is on show at an art gallery near Ely.

Haddenham Galleries, on the village's High Street, has launched its *Christmas Cornucopia* exhibition for 2009.

With charity cards, decorations, stocking fillers, jewellery, paintings, prints and sculptures the gallery is described as an "Aladdin's cave" of Christmas ideas.

Alastair Hull, owner of the gallery, said: "We always go all out for Christmas but this year there is more than ever.

"There literally is everything you could need for the festive season all under one roof."

The exhibition also includes an ethnic section filled with wonders of the world, fair trade items and recycled bits.

The gallery is open every day from 10am-5pm and entry is free.

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Bird cruelty leads to pet ban for life

BY JORDAN DAY

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A FARMER who left his pet parrots in filthy conditions without food or water has been given a lifetime ban from keeping animals.

John Smith, 76, who was disqualified from owning horses for life in 2003, can never again be in charge of or own any animal or bird.

The ban came after police and RSPCA officers raided the pensioner's farm in Cophall Drove, Pymoor.

They seized an African grey parrot, a red-fronted Amazon and a princess parakeet after finding them living in filthy, faeces-ridden cages.

The birds were also left with no food or water. One of them could not be saved and had to be put down.

Smith, who only has one arm, was charged with causing unnecessary suffering to the parrots and failing to ensure their welfare.

He was due to stand trial at Ely Magistrates' Court last Thursday but pleaded guilty at the last minute.

Laura Mardell, prosecuting, said: "The princess parakeet was in a cage with no perch to stand on and it was staggering around on the floor of the cage. The cage was dirty with faeces and leftover seeds, and the bird appeared to be in a disorientated state."

She added: "There was an African grey parrot in a filthy cage with large piles of faeces on the perch and piles around two inches deep on the floor.

"It was clear it had not been cleaned out for some time as there were shoots growing from discarded seeds that were around 7cm tall.

"The red-fronted Amazon's cage was not as dirty but still had a huge amount of discarded food and seed shells, and its food and water bowls were all overturned."

The birds were examined by a vet, who confirmed the African grey was showing signs of "abnormal health" and should have been taken to a vet.

The red-fronted Amazon was given the all-clear but the princess parakeet had to be put down.

Richard Milson, mitigating, said: "Mr Smith is 76 years old and has kept birds since a child.

"He is a bird fancier who keeps canaries and parrots as a hobby and he has even won awards with them.

"There are also chickens and dogs on the premises which the RSPCA found no problems with. He did clean these cages on a fairly regular basis but birds' faeces do build up quickly."

Mary Rone, presiding magistrate, ordered Smith to get rid of all animals on the farm, including his dogs and chickens, by January 4.

He was also banned from keeping animals for life, fined £250 and ordered to pay the vet's bills of £394.

Speaking afterwards, RSPCA inspector Richard Lythgoe, who took part in the raid on Smith's home, said: "All animals must have access to clean water, an adequate diet, have clean accommodation and be able to exhibit their normal behaviour."

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Families get tips on how to turn green

RECYCLING and carbon footprints were the topic of conversation in Ely.

The Cambridgeshire Community Reuse and Recycling Network (CCRRN) and East Cambridgeshire Sustainable Growth Partnership (ECSGP) organised a community environment fair at The Lighthouse Centre.

Families attended the free event to learn more about how they can reduce their impact on the planet and the local community.

A key feature of the day was the launch of East Cambridgeshire District Council's Green Grants scheme, which offers community projects cash to take on climate change activities.

Visitors were also treated to face painting, arts and crafts, Fairtrade refreshments and an eco-cinema. There was also a Fairtrade hamper prize draw.

An event spokeswoman said: "Everything went brilliantly.

"The aim of events like this is to get local people doing small things to make a big difference.

"Small changes to their everyday routines can help the local area and as a result, the whole planet."

Friends pull on footie boots for match in memory of Sam

Much-loved: Samantha Clarke.

A FUNDRAISING football match is being organised in memory of Ely schoolgirl Samantha Clarke.

Sixth-formers from the City of Ely Community College and footballers from The Anchor pub team in Littleport will be playing each other in the special tribute game.

Samantha's boyfriend, Joe Baker, is organising the event, with help from family and friends, to take place at the Littleport Leisure Centre on Sunday, December 20.

All money raised from the game will be donated to the Neurosciences Critical Care Unit at Addenbrooke's Hospital where Samantha was cared for before she passed away.

There will also be raffles and darts tournaments at The Anchor afterwards.

Mr Baker said: "We just want to do something in memory of Sam and to raise money for the unit.

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"It would be great if people came along on the day and helped to support us so we can raise as much money as possible."

Samantha, 18, of Main Drove, Little Downham, died after being involved in a car crash on October 22.

The city college pupil, who was secretary of The Anchor football club, suffered serious head injuries when her red Peugeot 205 was in a collision with a blue Nissan in Ely Road.

As reported in the *Weekly News*, fire crews freed her from the car and she was taken to hospital but died nine days later as a result of her injuries.

Her family paid tribute to their "beautiful and vibrant" daughter.

The 62-year-old woman driver of the Nissan, who is from Little Downham, suffered only minor injuries.

Samantha leaves her father, Alan Clarke, mother, Debbie Norgate, stepmother, Lindsay Clarke, step-father, Al Norgate, and 23-year-old brother Daniel.

She also leaves two step-sisters, two half-sisters and a half-brother, to whom her family said she was "very close".

In a statement the family said: "We have such a big part of our lives missing in Samantha but when the sun shines there will be an extra ray shining down on us."

Samantha, who had a passion for horses, was in her third year at college, where she was taking a health and social care course alongside an AS-level in sociology. She hoped to become a nurse.

The fundraising match will start at 10.30am and all are welcome to attend.

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Located in Stretham, the beauty salon is owned by beauty therapist Elise Freeland-Jones, and together with beauty therapist Lynsey Skinner, offers a range of sumptuous treatments.

Elise has been on maternity leave for part of this year but from Monday, December 14, will be returning to the salon.

Specialising in skin care, the salon uses the Dermalogica range for facials and skin care treatments and Jessica products for the hand and nail therapies, and has recently introduced a new brand of skin care products to the salon especially for teenage skin.

"It's a new teenage range of skin care called Clean Start which has been developed by Dermalogica," explains Elise. "We do free face mapping, which is a skin analysis so teenagers could have this and we can then prescribe the right product for them."

Clean Start is divided into three steps called 'Get Clean', which is the cleansing stage, 'Target Issues', which includes exfoliation and can treat break-outs, and 'Protection', which is the moisturising stage.

The Get Clean range is available to buy at the salon and there are also treatments available with the teenager in mind such as a prescriptive mini-facial which is customised to suit your skin type.

Other treatments available at Freeland-Jones include massage, waxing, manicures, pedicures and facials as well as the fake tan treatment, St Tropez Spray Ultimate Air – perfect for a Christmas or new year's party where you want to glow or just to give you a lift during the winter months.

Revitalising: Elise Jones right, and Lynsey Skinner.

The salon also offers Casi Ultra, which is a non-surgical face lift to rejuvenate the skin leaving you looking refreshed and healthy.

Products, treatments and gift vouchers can all be bought at the salon and make the perfect Christmas gift idea.

Freeland-Jones is open Tuesday to Saturday with late night appointments available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Appointments can be made by calling (01353) 648606.

In January the salon's informative new website *www.freelandjones.co.uk* will be introduced. Be sure to visit throughout the month and register your contact details so you can keep up to date with all the latest offers and promotions.

Closed off: Soham High Street, near where an elderly pedestrian was injured after being in collision with a car on Saturday. Pictures: Keith Heppell 615338/40.

OAP injured in collision

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after an elderly pedestrian was in an accident with a car in Soham.

The East Anglia Air Ambulance was launched after the accident in the town's High Street.

The 93-year-old from Soham suffered serious injuries after he was in a collision with a Ford Fiesta at around 9.45am on Saturday. The driver, a 21-year-old man from the town, was not injured.

The pedestrian, whose head is believed to have hit the vehicle's windscreen, was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital where he is in a stable condition.

Accident: the damaged windscreen of the Ford Fiesta.

Inspector Nik Percival said: "An elderly man suffered head injuries after being in collision with a car in Soham High Street on Saturday.

"The air ambulance was in attendance.

"Anyone who witnessed the incident is asked to call 0845 546 4564."

Plan to grow mobile park

A VILLAGE'S mobile home park could soon be made bigger.

Plans have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council for changes at the White Cottage and Cathedral Park View mobile home park on Manor Road, Witchford.

The proposals include changing the use of land from residential curtilage to extension of the park, with associated works to the access road.

To comment on the plans, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*

Christingle for charity

A CHRISTINGLE service is being held at Ely Cathedral this Saturday.

The whole community is welcome to attend the event at 3.30pm.

The service is in aid of the Children's Society.

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Martin Goodearl, chairman of the branch, said: "I would like to thank people for their wonderful support, especially during these difficult times, as well as the numerous volunteer collectors who gave up their time and stood outside in all weather."

Ex-service personnel living in the area are urged to join the committee and help keep the legion moving on.

Meetings are held on every second Tuesday of the month at the ex-servicemen's club.

For more information, email *martingooearl@hotmail.com*

Help us keep readers up to date with events in Littleport. If your club or group is planning an event, let us know. Contact Jordan Day at *editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk* or write to: Jordan Day, *Ely Weekly News*, 27 Market Place, Ely CB74NP.

Watch out for raiders, allotment holders told

ALLOTMENT holders in Littleport are being warned to be on their guard.

Thieves and vandals are targeting the allotments on Back Lane, at the rear of Station Road. In the last few weeks, sheds have been raided and machinery stolen.

Now Littleport Parish Council is trying to stop the problem and has met police officers to get advice.

A parish council spokeswoman said: "Vandalism and thefts from allotments has been an issue for years but things seem to be getting worse.

"Quite a few allotment holders have had their sheds broken into. In some cases, machinery has been taken from inside but others have just had their stuff moved around.

"Produce has also been stolen so it seems like the allotments are being targeted."

The parish council has been given information leaflets from police to hand out to residents.

The council has also considered fencing off the whole area and putting up security gates at the allotment's main entrance.

But the spokeswoman said: "There really is very little we can do.

"The allotments are on a six-acre plot so to fence it off is not viable and it seems these people have the tools to cut through any piece of metal they want.

"People need to be on their guard and keep everything as secure as they can."

Littleport has 48 allotments in total, many of which are sub-divided.

A police spokeswoman said: "We would ask that people remain alert to the activities around the allotments and report any suspicious incidents to police.

"People are advised to take security measures to prevent their property from being damaged or stolen, such as good quality locks."

Festive: the Christmas lights brighten up Littleport's High Street. Pictures: Richard Patterson 615858/9.

Switched-on to festive spirit

LITTLEPORT is now sparkling with festive lights.

The village's Christmas lights display was switched on last Friday, bringing plenty of yuletide cheer to the streets.

As ever, the Rotary Club organised its annual street fair, which saw hordes of people taking advantage of a wide range of charity stalls.

Many shops also opened late for the festive event.

Children were also able to meet Father Christmas when he visited the YPL Centre in the evening.

A Littleport Parish Council spokeswoman said: "The lights look as good as ever and the streets look really pretty.

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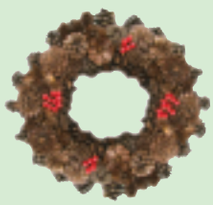

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On the land: Farming Minister Jim Fitzpatrick, centre, with NFU director Pamela Forbes, left, and Simon Steel right. CP.

Minister gets fen tour with farmers

BY JORDAN DAY

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FARMING Minister Jim Fitzpatrick visited the region last week to learn more about the importance of agriculture in the Fens.

The minister visited organic farmer Simon Steel in Littleport and G's Growers, which is just outside Ely and one of the largest fresh produce companies in Europe.

He also met local National Farmers' Union representatives to discuss issues facing farmers in the Fens, including how it can be protected for the future.

NFU regional director Pamela Forbes said: "We showed the minister a real cross section of farm businesses in the Fens, all of them producing fantastic quality produce and also taking care of the environment at the same time.

"It gave him an insight into how critically important the Fens are in terms of food production and why they need to be protected from the risk of flooding."

The Fens contain around half of the most productive farmland in England,

Mr Steel, a Cambridgeshire County Council farm tenant, farms 50 acres of organic vegetables and salad crops, selling much of his produce at farmers' markets.

"This was an excellent opportunity to talk to the minister about how important local food is becoming.

"People are really interested in where their food comes from and they appreciate the fact they can talk to the person who grows it," he said.

At G's Growers at Barway, Mr Fitzpatrick was taken on a tour of the farm with farm director Peter Sergeant.

He was shown a field which G's is flooding to control potato pests, instead of using pesticides.

Other issues under discussion included the need to ensure seasonal workers can still come to Britain, without whom many crops would not be harvested.

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Well-stocked: Haberdashery store has everything you could wish for.

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The department offers an array of fabrics, ribbons, cotton, tapestry, haberdashery, beading, flowers for cakes, bridal and dolls houses, zips, dye, faux fur and lace and much more.

"It really is an Aladdin's Cave," explains Bridget, who has managed the department for more than six years, and worked in the stores toy department for 10 years prior to that. "We offer a cheerful, friendly service and have a lot of knowledge so we can solve most craft problems."

A selection of Christmas fabrics is currently available and is ideal for anyone who is planning a fancy dress party or a Christmas production. Stockings and advent calenders made from fabric are also available and if you want to make your own personal Christmas cards, you can get all the ribbon and trimmings you need.

The fabric is sold in small and large quantities starting at as little as 4 inches (10cm).

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Brands: Finishing festive touches

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The distinctive pine smell is now wafting through the shop as Nordman and Norway Spruce Christmas trees are available to buy.

As well as Christmas trees the store has lots of festive house plants available, so why not add a touch of festivity to your home with a poinsettia or cyclamen.

ADVERTISING FEATURE

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The store has been in Ely for seven years and has recently relocated to new premises at 57 Market Street from its former location on the corner of the high street.

Karen Lesley offers a wide range of underwear ranging from simple basics by Triumph, Playtex and Silhouette to luxurious designs by Passionata, Chantelle, Australian brand Bassoni and items from its sister company Little Minx, as well as Marie Jo and Rosy.

Range: At Karen Lesley.

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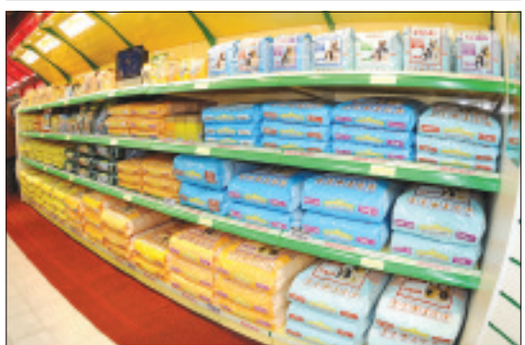

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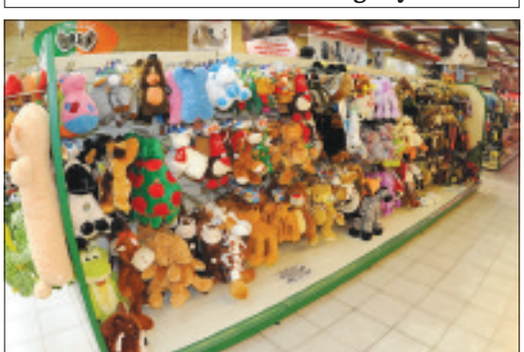

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Disease procedures 'in place'

LESSONS have been learned by Addenbrooke's following the death of a patient who contracted Legionnaire's disease at the hospital, a coroner has said.

Leukaemia sufferer Simon Tait, of Winfarthing Court, Ship Lane, Ely, was the first person to acquire the disease at the Cambridge hospital, where he died from pneumonia on March 25 this year.

Traces of the bug were later found in a bathroom used by Mr Tait, 42, prompting the hospital to undertake a review of its procedures for tackling the disease.

Coroner David Morris this week said he was satisfied the hospital had addressed the threat of Legionnaire's disease, which remains extremely rare in hospitals.

Delivering a narrative verdict, Mr Morris said: "There was no want of concern on the part of the responsible clinicians and everything that might reasonably have been done to overcome Mr Tait's deteriorating condition appears to have been done.

"I find no element of gross failure on the part of the hospital or its staff.

"I am satisfied that with the revised/improved systems now in place, every precaution has now been taken to minimise any future incidence, but complete elimination of risk is not possible."

Mr Morris ruled that Mr Tait's death was caused by pneumonia which was aggravated by Legionnaire's disease, adding that Mr Tait was weakened by a recent bone marrow transplant.

Addenbrooke's has since replaced shower fittings which may have harboured Legionella and has also tightened its procedures for preventing the disease following Mr Tait's death.

Three other rooms in the unit where Mr Tait was being treated were later found to have traces of the bug.

Christmas treats: Rosie French, 15, Sophie Wetz, 10, Lucy French, 14, and Linda Baulk on the Christmas chocolate stall. Picture: Keith Heppell 615624.

Rain fails to dampen revellers' festive spirit

FANCY dress competitions and a visit from Santa have raised around £500 for Cancer Research UK.

Despite the rain, more than 100 people turned out for a festive family event in Soham on Sunday.

The East Cambridgeshire committee for Cancer Research UK held a fun-filled fundraiser in the grounds of the Cherry Tree pub, on Fordham Road.

Families were treated to a range of festive stalls and demonstrations, as well as the chance to enter a grand prize draw.

Santa and his reindeer also turned up for the event, providing children with presents and to judge the fancy dress competition.

Nicola Cole, a committee member, said: "The weather was poor but we were pleased with the turn out.

"Santa was a huge hit with the children and we are so pleased to have raised around £500."

For more information about the fundraising committee, email *eastcambs4cruk@tiscali.co.uk* or visit *www.justgiving.com/eastcambs4cruk*

Showmen get green light to develop site

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

TRAVELLING showmen have been given the go-ahead to set up camp in Wilburton – much to the disappointment of the local community.

Controversial plans to build six showman's yards along Whitecross Road in the village have been approved.

Despite opposition from local residents and South East Cambridgeshire MP Jim Paice, East Cambridgeshire District Council's (ECDC) planning committee granted planning permission with 11 votes to one last week.

The scheme will see around three acres of uncultivated farmland along the road converted into yards, complete with mobile home pitches.

Vehicle maintenance areas and storage buildings for fairground equipment will also be built.

Local residents and Wilburton Parish Council had voiced concerns about the plans, citing problems with poor vehicle access and that the road was unsuitable for large vehicles.

A nearby resident, who did not want to be named, said: "These plans should have never been passed. It is not that we don't want these people, it is that the site is 100 per cent unsuitable and I think this will be proven in years to come."

Cllr Bill Hunt, who represents Wilburton at both a district and county level, was the only one to vote against the plans.

He said: "This site is so unsuitable for showmen's yards.

"Whitecross Road is a small single-track road which is not suitable for massive fairground rides and the committee's decision is disappointing.

"I shall be watching this development closely to make sure the access conditions laid down to the developers are met."

There were also worries about the loss of agricultural land and the risk of flooding.

The plans were approved with the condition that the applicants, Brimble Lee and Partners, improve the access before any building work starts.

MP Paice said: "I am pleased that at least the council has required passing places and improved access before development can start, but Whitecross Road is still wholly unsuitable for development.

"If it was for conventional housing the application would be refused and I do not believe that showmen or travellers should get preferential treatment.

"Although ECDC officers have done no work on allocating sites for show-people the same planning rules should apply to them as to the rest of us."

The decision comes just weeks after plans to build two new traveller sites in Long Dolver Drove, Soham, were thrown out by the committee as the site was deemed "completely inappropriate".

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Yard raiders fail in trees theft bid

WOULD-BE thieves nearly made off with some Christmas trees – but were disturbed.

The attempted burglary happened in Twenty Pence Road, Wilburton.

Unknown offenders cut through a chain link fence at the rear of the property and gained entry to the yard overnight on Monday, November 30.

Once inside, they moved around a dozen Christmas trees and took them to the fence.

It is believed the offenders were disturbed just before they hurled them over the fence.

Anyone with any information or who saw anything suspicious should call police on 0345 4564564.

Chef to whip up tasty treats

THE organisers of Ely's Farmers' Market are praying for good weather this weekend.

After last month's event was cancelled due to heavy rain and strong gales, the market will return to the city on Saturday.

The head chef of Montaz Indian restaurant, on Market Street, will lead a cooking demonstration from 11am onwards, rustling up all sorts of Indian and Bangladeshi dishes for people to try.

As ever, there will also be an abundance of local meat and produce stalls for people to browse.

For more information, call the district council offices on (01353) 665555.

Sacks of fun at festive fair

CHRISTMAS crafts and stockings full of presents will keep the little ones entertained in Ely on Saturday.

The Ely Museum, on Market Street, will host its annual festive fair from 10.30am-3.30pm.

Youngsters will be able to visit Santa in the Victorian Parlour and take part in crafts sessions.

There will also be refreshments and a second-hand book stall.

Entry is free but there is a £1.50 charge for children wishing to visit Santa and receive a present.

For more information, call the museum on (01353) 666655.

Wrapped up for Christmas

FESTIVE spirits will be high at the Soham-based Viva Arts and Community Group's centre on Saturday.

Santa will be visiting the centre, on Churchgate Street, from 10am-4pm.

Attractions will include a Christmas grotto, seasonal refreshments, an exhibition by the Soham Art Group and sales of decorations and toys.

There will also be fancy dress outfits for sale, as well as elves providing a gift wrapping service.

For more information, call the centre on (01353) 722228.

Carol music at town church

SOHAM Comrades Band will present its annual Christmas concert on Saturday.

Keith Schroeter is the new musical director for the concert, which will be in St Andrew's Church.

Starting at 7.30pm, there will also be carol singing, a festive raffle and refreshments.

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'Tis the season for pantomime!

It just wouldn't be Christmas with a panto or feel-good musical. And here's just a few of the best that will be hitting the stage this festive season:

■ Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, Cambridge Corn Exchange
What?: A dazzling production of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's much-loved musical, full of colour, music and "Chalm".
When?: December 15 – January 3.
Who?: Craig Chalmers of BBC's *Any Dream Will Do*.
Why?: For a good sing-along to all your favourite tunes!
Contact: (01223) 357851 or *www.cornex.co.uk*

■ A Merry Little Christmas. The Junction, Cambridge
What?: A classic Christmas story which captures the true spirit of the season.
When?: Now – January 3.
Who?: The fabulous team at Gromito Productions.
Why?: Created especially for The Junction, it features puppets, live music and snowflakes galore.
Contact: (01223) 511511 or *www.junction.co.uk*

■ Dick Whittington and his Cat, Cambridge Arts Theatre
What?: A traditional British panto experience featuring the adventures of Dick and his loyal cat.
When?: Today – January 17.
Who?: Regulars Matt Crosby, Julie Buckfield and Brad Fitt.
Why?: Because the Arts' regular panto team never, ever lets us down.
Contact: (01223) 503333 or *www.cambridgeartstheatre.com*

■ The Princess and the Pea, Mumford Theatre, Cambridge
What?: A fairytale with a difference starring a rebellious Princess who would much rather spend her time climbing trees and fighting dragons than wearing big dresses and looking pretty.
When?: December 20.
Who?: The able team from the Proteus Theatre Company.
Why?: It's here for one night only! (but if you miss this, on December 22-23 you can catch Aladdin at the same venue.)
Contact: (01223) 352932 or *www.web.anglia.ac.uk*

■ Beauty and the Beast, The Cresset, Peterborough
What?: A traditional family panto telling the much-loved tale of beautiful Belle and that fearsome Beast.
When?: December 14 – January 3.
Who?: Kim Taylforth of ITV's *Bad Girls* and premier panto dame James Horne.
Why?: Because Taylforth was a huge hit as last year's Wicked Queen and looks set to be even nastier this year!
Contact: (01733) 265705 or *www.cresset.ticketsolve.com*

Kaleidoscope of colour: ***Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*****, above, comes to the Cambridge Corn Exchange this festive season, while** ***A Merry Little Christmas*****, left, plays at The Junction.** CP.

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Art shines on

FESTIVE paintings and porcelain decorations feature in a bumper Christmas exhibition in Ely.

Shining Red and Gold is a mixed yuletide show at the Angela Mellor Gallery, on St Mary's Street.

Running until Christmas Eve, work on show includes ceramics, prints, textiles, jewellery, handmade cards and decorations.

All items are for sale at a range of prices. The gallery is open Wednesday to Saturday from 10.30am-5pm.

For more information, call (01353) 666675 or visit *www.angelamellor gallery.com*

Fakers return

FOLLOWING a highly successful gig in the city last year, the Small Fakers are coming back to Ely.

The Small Faces tribute band, which has been playing to sell-out audiences throughout Europe for the past 12 months, will perform at the Beet Club on Saturday, December 19.

The Scooter Rally Anthems disco will be supporting them, playing the best in northern soul, punk and indie.

Tickets are £10 in advance or £12 on the door. For more information, call Clint on 07906 589720.

Festive beats

FENLAND Jam will host its Christmas music party on Friday, December 18.

All the group's favourite songs will fill the Ely Beet Sports and Social Club from 7.30pm onwards.

Tickets are £3 and all are welcome. Call (01353) 611591 or visit *www. adec.org.uk* for more information.

Motown magic

DJ Strollin' Steve will be entertaining the crowds in Prickwillow this Friday night. He will host a soul and Motown night at the Hiam Sports and Social Club.

Then on Sunday, there is a children's Christmas party at the club.

For ticket and time information, call (01353) 688269.

Terrifying tales keep up a shocking festive tradition

BY JENNIFER SHELTON

TWO ghost stories by M R James will be performed in The Corpus Playroom, Cambridge, next week.

In *The Stalls of Barchester Cathedral*, a murderous cleric falls prey to an ancient curse, built into the very fabric of his church.

This is paired with one of James' most poignant and personal works, *A Warning to the Curious*. Inspired by the author's holidays in Aldeburgh, a young archaeologist is haunted and hunted by the guardian of an ancient treasure.

Every Christmas, M R James (1862 -1936) would write and perform ghost stories to entertain friends in his rooms in King's College. A century later, these tales still have the power to terrify and amuse.

The performances starts at 8pm and run from Monday to Saturday. Tickets cost £9 (£8 for concessions).

Contact (01223) 359750 or go to *www.scudamores.com/punting/ events/terror.php*

Haunting: two popular M R James ghost stories will be told next week, CP

Meet the real Charles Darwin

A NEW play focusing on the human side of Charles Darwin is being performed in Cambridge this week.

***The Man Behind Evolution* centres on the crisis that confronts Darwin after the death of his favourite daughter, Annie. As his wife and friends rally round to comfort him, the devastation he feels causes him to ask many questions about science and religion.**

The play reveals something of the man behind the great scientist whose insights into life on earth have been celebrated in this anniversary year of the publication of *On the Origin of Species*.

***The Man Behind Evolution* is on at the Judith E. Wilson Drama Studio, the English Faculty, in West Road, Cambridge, from today until Saturday at 7.30 pm. Admission is free but donations are welcome.**

Contact (01223) 368231.

Popular Baebes back to sing with young choir

FOLLOWING their successful concert last year, the Mediaeval Baebes will return to Ely Cathedral tomorrow to perform a concert as part of a nine-date nationwide tour.

Formed in 1996, Mediaeval Baebes are an all female group who create a unique classical sound by drawing inspiration from medieval texts and setting them to original scores. They have performed all over the world and sold more than 450,000 records. The Baebes will be joined on stage by the cathedral's 100 strong children's choir, The Ely Imps.

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Avatar 3D (12A TBC): Wed 8.45pm.
Where The Wild Things Are (PG): Daily 10.10am, 12.30pm, 2.50pm, 5.20pm, 8pm.
The Twilight Saga - New Moon (12A): Daily 11.10am, 2pm (subtitled Sun), 7.50pm (subtitled Tue); Daily except Wed & Thu 9.45pm.
Planet 51 (U): Daily 11am, 1.10pm, 3.20pm, 6pm.
The Descent - Part 2 (18): Fri & Sat 10.30pm.
The Box (12A): Daily except Wed & Thu 12.50pm, 3.30pm, 6.10pm, 8.50pm; Fri & Sat 11.40pm; Wed & Thu 10.30pm.
Me And Orson Welles (12A): Daily 8.15pm; Daily except Sun, Mon & Tue 10.50pm.
Law Abiding Citizen (18): Daily except Wed & Thu 9.20pm; Fri & Sat 11.50pm.
Paranormal Activity (15): Daily 1pm, 3.10pm, 5.25pm, 7.40pm, 9.45pm; Daily except Sat & Sun 11am; Fri, Sat & Wed 11.50pm.
Nativity! (U): Daily 11.20am, 1.50pm, 4.20pm, 6.50pm.
2012 (12A): Daily 2.20pm, 5.40pm, 9.10pm.
A Christmas Carol 3D (PG): Daily except Thu 12.20pm, 2.40pm, 5.10pm; Daily except Wed & Thu 7.30pm; Daily except Sat & Sun 10am.
A Christmas Carol (PG): Daily 9.50am, noon.
The Men Who Stare At Goats (15): Daily except Sun, Mon & Tue 10.40pm.
Up 3D (U): Sat & Sun 10.05am.
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Avatar (12A TBC): Thu noon, 3.30pm, 7pm.
Where The Wild Things Are (PG): Daily 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6pm, 8.20pm; Sat & Sun 11am.
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The Twilight Saga - New Moon (12A): Daily 2pm, 5pm, 8pm; Sat & Sun 11am.
2012 (12A): Daily except Wed 8.15pm; Daily except Thu 5.05pm; Fri 1pm.
A Christmas Carol 3D (PG): Daily 1.40pm (subtitled Sun), 4pm (subtitled Thu), 6.20pm, Daily except Thu 12.30pm, 2.45pm; Daily except Wed & Thu 8.40pm; Sat & Sun 10.30am, 11.20am.
The Santa Clause 3 - The Escape Clause (U): Sat 10am.
Aliens In The Attic (PG): Sat 10am.
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Planet 51 (U): Daily 1.45pm, 4.05pm, 6.20pm; Daily except Wed & Thu 8.35pm; Sat & Sun 11.25am.
The Descent - Part 2 (18): Daily 9.30pm.
Me And Orson Welles (12A): Daily except Thu 8.05pm; Thu 7pm.
Paranormal Activity (15): Daily 3pm, 5.20pm, 7.30pm, 9.45pm; Sat & Sun 12.45pm.
Law Abiding Citizen (18): Daily 1.50pm, 4.20pm, 6.50pm, 9.25pm.
Nativity! (U): Daily 1.55pm, 4.30pm; Daily except Thu 7pm; Sat & Sun 11.30am.
The Twilight Saga - New Moon (12A): Daily 2pm, 4.50pm, 7.45pm; Sat & Sun 11am.
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A Christmas Carol (PG): Daily 5.50pm; Daily except Thu 1.10pm, 3.40pm; Sat & Sun 10.40am; Thu 1pm, 3.20pm.
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG): Sat & Sun 11.45am.
Up (U): Sat & Sun 11.50am.
The Santa Clause 3 - The Escape Clause (U): Sat 10.15am.
Aliens In The Attic (PG): Sat 10.05am.
Ice Age 3 - Dawn Of The Dinosaurs (U): Sat 10.10am.
Opus Arte Opera Season From The Glyndebourne Festival 2009 - La Traviata (PG): Sun 4pm.

The big film

PLANET 51 (U, 90 mins)
Family/Sci-Fi/Comedy/Action.
Featuring the voices of Dwayne Johnson, Justin Long, Jessica Biel, Gary Oldman, John Cleese.
Directors: Jorge Blanco, Marcos Martinez, Javier Abad.

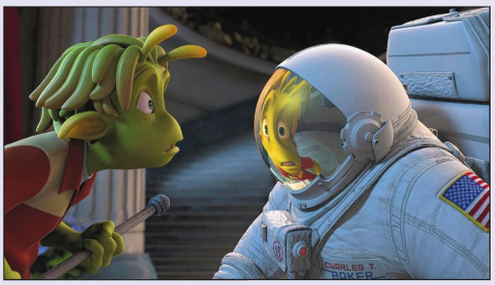
THE future and the past collide with amusing results in the computer-animated comedy from debutant Spanish directors Jorge Blanco, Javier Abad and Marcos Martinez.

Planet 51 unfolds on the titular world, far from our own, where little green men, women and children live in domestic bliss, which bears a spooky resemblance to 1950s white-picket-fence America.

The Chordettes' perky *Lollipop* plays on the jukebox of the local diner and kids crowd the cinema to watch the latest sci-fi epic about those nasty human invaders trying to destroy the resident alien communities.

When a lone astronaut does touch down on the planet, he faces the same level of hostility levelled at Klaatu in *The Day The Earth Stood Still*.

Screenwriter Joe Stillman has fun recreating the paranoia and fear of bygone America in an extra-terrestrial society, creating archetypes like a mad scientist and a warmonger general to stoke the tension.



In a nice twist, the human is a narcissistic, dim-witted buffoon who didn't even have to delicately navigate his craft down to the planet's surface, he just hit the auto-pilot button.

Gung-ho American astronaut Captain Charles 'Chuck' Baker (voiced by Johnson) touches down on Planet 51 believing he will be the first being to ever set foot on this alien world.

Instead, the human interloper discovers teenage budding astronomer Lem (Long), his friend Skiff (Scott), sassy next-door neighbour Neera (Biel) and a species that has been nurtured on a fear of men from the skies.

Once his presence on the planet is known, General Grawl (Oldman) sets out to capture Chuck and deliver him to deranged Professor Kipple (Cleese), who incarcerates the astronaut in a subterranean base.

Lem, Skiff and Neera launch a rescue mission with the help of Chuck's robot companion Rover to help the human visitor avoid a grim fate as a permanent exhibit at the Alien Invaders Space Museum.

The animation doesn't challenge Pixar for sophistication, but it's energetic, with solid vocal performances.

Lessons about tolerance are laid on thick in between the set pieces, and Stillman ensures the violence remains cartoonish throughout, introducing the cute robot sidekick and slapstick for younger audiences.

The nostalgic throwbacks to the 1950s are purely for (grand)parents.

THE GUIDE

CROSSWORD | SUDOKU | CODEWORD | KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

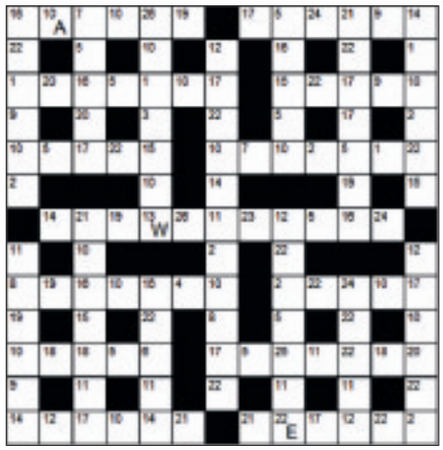
FOUR Ws

1 WHO...was the eponymous founder of the city of Nineveh?
WHAT...European country contains the province of Trento?
WHERE...is the television sitcom Father Ted chiefly set?
WHEN...did Bonnie Prince Charlie die?

2 WHO...wrote the BBC television drama series Blackpool?
WHAT...four elements did Empedocles suggest all matter was composed of?
WHERE...are the Great Karoo and the Little Karoo regions?
WHEN...was the satellite Aussat (Optus) A1 launched?

3 WHO...wrote the novel The Treasure Of The Sierra Madre?
WHAT...type of creature is a nannygai?
WHERE...in South America is the city of Londrina?
WHEN...did Martina Navratilova last win the Wimbledon Ladies Singles tennis title?

Answers: 1 Ninus; Italy; Craggy Island; 1788. **2.** Peter Bowker; Earth, Air, Fire and Water; South Africa; 1985. **3** B. Traven; A fish; Brazil; 1990.



■ Last week's solution.

Codeword 2: Can you crack the code and solve the word puzzle? Each number relates to a letter and every letter of the alphabet is used at least once.

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Sudoku 77: Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once.

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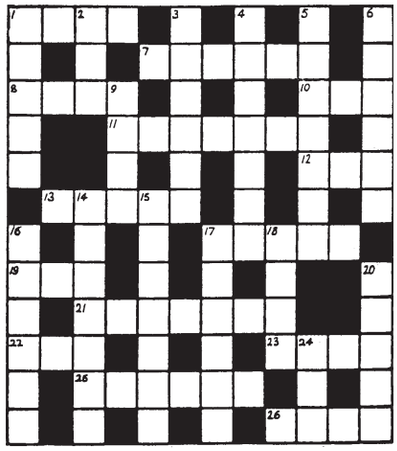
■ Last week's solution.

Crossword 2143



Across

1. Actors' fling. (4)
7. Forbid his arrangement for outlaw. (6)
8. The burden that rests on America. (4)
10. Finish without starting to stoop. (3)
11. Mocked boy seen embracing relation. (7)
12. The colouring to pass on, say. (3)
13. Chart the French made from wood. (5)
17. Boy puts chicken on the rails. (5)
19. You men! Some will come back with a bird. (3)
21. Lords crowd round empty court to see spook. (7)
23. Departed to Labour's side. (4)
25. Agreed with the head. (6)
26. Old PM's strip. (4)

Down

1. Credit given to a single witch. (5)
2. Very little money making one endlessly bitter. (3)
3. Mother, true to form, is fairly old. (6)
4. Error to make wager after motorway. (7)
5. Heard CD awkwardly by gorge. (7)
6. Good notice needed to acquire useful tool. (6)
9. The way work would cease? (4)
14. Funny morning to be employing stories? (7)
15. Could feet be so described in old stories? (7)
16. Gesture when brook's working. (6)
17. One who loathes holding trimming initially for milliner. (6)
18. Boy like Christmas? (4)
20. Car test at the Spanish place to stay. (5)
24. River goes east by east. (3)

Solution to 2142 – Across: 1 Squire, 4 Occur, 8 Diatribe, 10 Tie, 11 Lightest, 13 Asti, 15 Rain, 16 Awakened, 19 Nip, 20 Delegate, 22 Noted, 23 Person. **Down:** 1 Spite, 2 Understand, 3 Real life, 5 Cab, 6 Relate, 7 Brag, 9 Eye-witness, 12 Hard case, 14 Tartan, 17 Need, 18 Spain, 21 Ere.

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Unwrap great gardening gift on Christmas morn

by Hannah Stephenson

Looking for that special gardening gift to bring some festive cheer to the loved one in your life?

There's no shortage of choice this year, and you'll be happy to know you don't always have to fight with crowds of shoppers because many gardening gifts can be bought online.

Whether you want to buy a little stocking-filler or a major hamper, there's a gift to suit everyone's budget.

For those seeking some stylish but inexpensive additions to the garden, look no further than some exotic Marrakesh Lanterns (£6.99, *www.crocus.co.uk*) from North Africa to light up the patio or bring focus to an area. Insert a tealight or candle and they will cast a softly-patterned glow. To be used indoors or out, they come in three sizes.

For a stylish touch to outdoor dining, treat your gardening loved one to some twinkling glass droplets attached to silver metal clips to hold the tablecloth corners down. Outdoor Table Clips come in a set of four (£14, *www.coxandcox.co.uk*).

There are some funky, unusual stocking-fillers on offer this festive season, including brightly-coloured Ceramic Baby Ladybirds (£3.99, *www.greenfingers.com*) which can be placed in borders to add a surprise element, and painted Root Veg Labels (£9.95 for four, *www.gardenboutique.co.uk*) which will add a touch of pizzazz to your allotment or veggie patch.

For those forgetful gardeners who can never remember where they planted their bulbs, invest in a pack of four stainless steel Seed and Bulb Markers (£8.95, *www.gardenboutique.co.uk*), in a classic tulip shape to remind them exactly what they planted where.

To jazz up a planter or dull corner in a contemporary setting, splash out on a set of five spherical Orbits (£19.99, *www.greenfingers.com*), handcrafted using specialist studio glazes in deep blue, red, orange, yellow and soft pink.

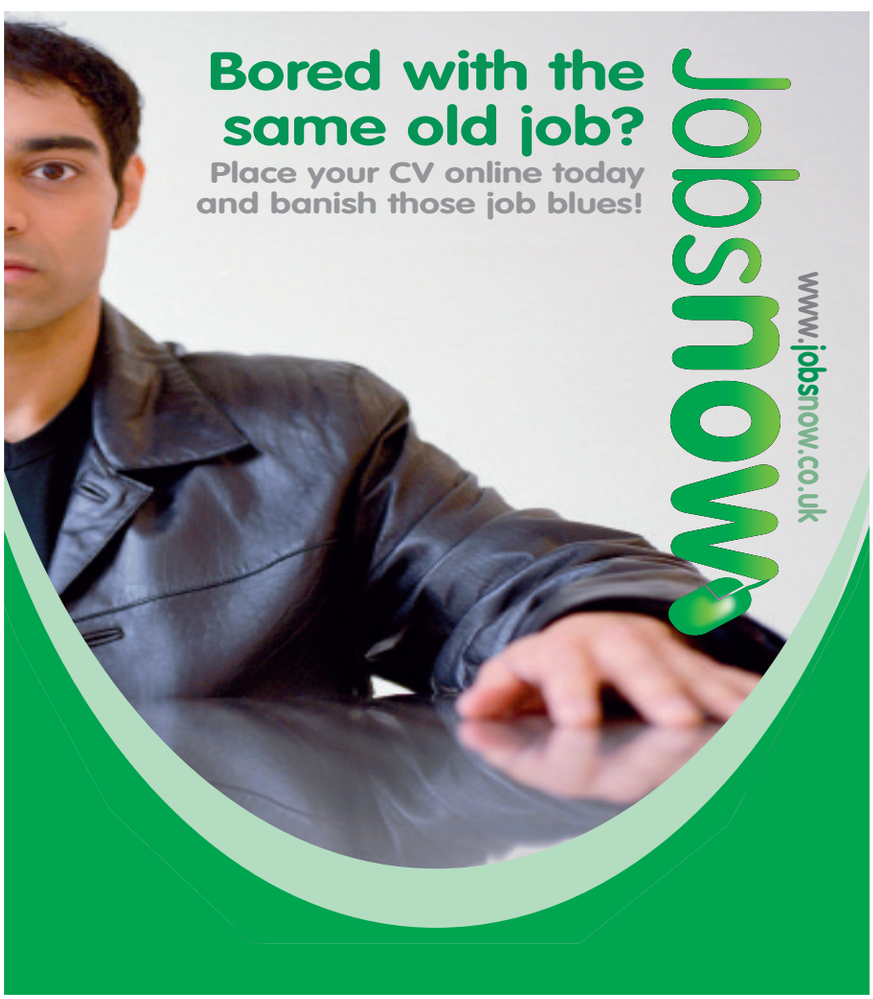
For the gardener who has everything, adopt a vegetable for a loved one – the proceeds will help Garden Organic's Heritage Seed Library to save Britain's rarest vegetables from the threat of extinction.

A year's adoption costs £20, and recipients will receive a packet of rare seeds, a certificate of adoption and background information on their chosen vegetable. There are four to choose from: the Tiger Tom tomato, District Nurse climbing French bean, Robinson pea and the Yellow Intermediate mangel (a beet). To adopt a veg, go online to *www.gardenorganic.org.uk/aav* or call 02476 308 210.

Create an instant herb or flower garden on your patio with a three-tier plant stand made of stained, untreated spruce. It will weather naturally and is best kept in a covered area outside. At £39.99 from *www.crocus.co.uk*, it comes with six galvanised pots.

But if you really want to push the boat out this festive season, one of the most glorious gifts is the Great Big Garden Hamper (£79.95, *www.giftinspiration.com*, 01458 270 911), which combines fabulous things for gardening with delicious teatime treats. Items include hand tools, gardening gloves and seven seed varieties (basil, chives, parsley, thyme, sweet William, wildflower mix and butterfly flower).

Pampering contents include mustard bath salts and aromatic apple soap, while afternoon tea is also included, featuring tea, strainer, a box of chocolate chunk shortbread biscuits, a chocolate cake and butter fudge, plus a large jar of Gardener's Chutney.



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SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen.**
11.30 **Nigella's Christmas Kitchen.**
12.00 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
12.15 **Football Focus.**
1.00 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.** The second semi-final.
4.20 **Final Score.**
5.10 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
5.30 **Hole in the Wall.**
6.00 **Merlin.** While Arthur and Merlin are out of Camelot fighting a magical army, Morgause returns to the city.
6.45 **Strictly Come Dancing.** The three remaining couples compete for a place in next week's grand final.
8.00 **The National Lottery Draws.**
8.10 **Casualty.** With Adam at Lucas's nativity play, Jordan seizes his chance to treat the victims of a bus crash.
9.00 **The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson.**
9.30 **Strictly Come Dancing.** The result of the public vote and judges verdict reveals which two couples will compete for a place in the final.
10.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.25 **Match of the Day.** Highlights of today's Premier League fixtures.
11.50 **The Football League Show.**
1.05 **Friday Night with Jonathan Ross.**

BBC2

6.00 **CBeebies: Me Too!**
6.20 **Big Cook Little Cook.**
6.40 **Mama Mirabelle's Movies.**
7.00 **CBBC: Dennis and Gnasher.**
7.10 **Dennis and Gnasher.**
7.25 **Sportsround.**
7.40 **What's New Scooby-Doo?**
8.00 **Gimme a Break.**
8.30 **TMi.**
10.00 **Best of Friends.**
10.30 **Ed and Oucho.**
11.00 **The Story of Tracy Beaker.**
11.30 **Deadly 60.**
12.00 **BBC Switch: The Cut.**
12.25 **BBC Switch: The Season.**
12.55 **Greek.**
1.40 **BBC Switch: Revealed.**
2.00 **The Sky at Night.**
2.20 **Animal Park.**
2.50 **FILM: I Know Where I'm Going (1945).** Romantic drama, starring Wendy Hiller.
4.20 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.** The second semi-final.
5.30 **Coast.**
6.30 **Dad's Army.**
7.00 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.** The concluding session of the second semi-final.
9.30 **Have I Got a Bit More News for You.** Actor Dominic West hosts the satirical quiz show.
10.10 **The Thick of It.**
10.40 **Pulling Special.**
11.40 **Defying Gravity.**
12.25 **Snooker: UK Championship.**

ITV

6.00 **GMTV.**
9.25 **CITV: Horrid Henry.**
9.55 **Atomic Betty.**
10.10 **Emu.**
10.25 **Finger Tips.**
10.45 **FILM: The Little Polar Bear (2002).** Animated adventure.
12.10 **News and Weather.**
12.15 **FILM: Black Beauty (1994).** Family drama, starring Sean Bean.
1.55 **FILM: Curly Sue (1991).** A homeless conman takes a young street urchin under his wing. Family comedy.
3.55 **FILM: Scooby-Doo (2002).** The hapless hound and his chums reunite to solve a baffling mystery. Live-action comedy adventure.
5.30 **News and Weather.**
6.00 **Harry Hill's the Best of TV Burp.** Classic clips.
6.30 **Cheryl Cole's Night In.** The singer and X Factor judge performs songs from her album 3 Words.
7.30 **The X Factor.** It is the final! The three remaining acts battle it out for the X Factor title.
9.30 **The British Comedy Awards 2009.** Jonathan Ross returns to host the annual ceremony.
11.00 **ITV News and Weather.**
11.15 **FILM: Ali G Indahouse (2002).** Comedy, with Sacha Baron Cohen.
12.55 **FILM: Lies My Mother Told Me (2005)** Fact-based crime thriller.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 **Sali Mali.**
6.10 **Planet Cook.**
6.30 **Yo Gabba Gabba.**
7.00 **World Sport.**
7.30 **Freesports on 4.**
8.00 **The Morning Line.**
8.55 **T4: Friends.**
10.00 **T4: 90210.**
11.00 **T4: Friends.**
11.35 **T4: The Hollyoaks Music Show.**
12.05 **T4: Avatar Film Special.**
12.40 **T4: Scrubs.** JD imagines his life as a sitcom.
1.15 **T4: Scrubs.**
1.45 **Channel 4 Racing.**
4.00 **Cheryl Cole: T4 Special.**
4.15 **My First Year.**
5.20 **FILM: Jingle All the Way (1996).** Festive all-action comedy with Arnold Schwarzenegger on a mission to get his son the must-have Christmas toy Turbo Man that's sold out everywhere.
7.00 **Channel 4 News.**
7.30 **Come Dine with Me Extra Portions.** Four instalments of the culinary competition, this week in Sheffield.
9.30 **FILM: The Shawshank Redemption (1994).** A man wrongly jailed for his wife's murder forms an extraordinary friendship with a fellow inmate. Drama, starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman.
12.15 **4Music: Live from Abbey Road.**

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6.00 **Sunrise.**
7.00 **Angels of Jarm.**
7.05 **Milkshake! Bop Box.**
7.10 **Fireman Sam.**
7.25 **Rupert Bear.**
7.35 **Hana's Helpline.**
7.45 **The WotWots.**
8.00 **Make Way for Noddy.**
8.10 **Adventures of Bottle Top Bill.**
8.30 **The Mr Men Show.**
8.45 **Harry and His Bucket.**
9.00 **Olivia.**
9.15 **Little Princess.**
9.30 **Gerald McBoing Boing.**
10.00 **NFL UK.**
11.00 **The Gadget Show Christmas Special.**
12.00 **Britain's Best Brain.**
1.00 **Zoo Days.**
1.10 **FILM: Murder Most Foul (1964).** Murder mystery.
3.00 **FILM: The Shootist (1976).** Western, starring John Wayne.
5.05 **FILM: The Omega Man (1971).** Sci-fi drama.
7.05 **Five News.**
7.10 **NCIS.** Gibbs investigates the case of a Navy Seal who apparently committed suicide.
8.05 **CSI: NY.**
9.00 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.**
10.00 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** Crime drama.
10.55 **CSI: NY.** Stella's DNA is linked to an unsolved homicide case dating back to 1997.
11.50 **Women Who Kill.**
12.15 **SuperCasino.**

Small Island
BBC1, Sunday, 9pm

The X Factor Final
ITV, Saturday and Sunday, 7.30pm

Elf
Channel Four, Sunday, 5.45pm

Constantine
five, Sunday, 9.30pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
7.30 **Match of the Day.**
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **Fern Britton Meets Tony Blair.** The former prime minister talks about his Catholic beliefs.
11.00 **Country Tracks.** Ellie Harrison visits the east coast of Northern Ireland.
12.00 **The Politics Show.**
1.00 **Cash in the Attic.**
2.00 **'Allo 'Allo!** Gruber finishes the paintings.
2.25 **EastEnders.** Omnibus.
4.20 **Lifeline.**
4.30 **Points of View.**
4.50 **Songs of Praise.** A Christmas special from the Royal Albert Hall in London.
5.30 **Life.** The strategies used by plants that allow them to grow even where there is no sunlight, water or nutrients.
6.30 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
7.00 **Sports Personality of the Year.** The most prestigious award ceremony in the British sporting calendar is back.
9.00 **Small Island.** Conclusion of the two-part adaptation of Andrea Levy's novel, set in post-war London. Drama.
10.30 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
10.55 **Match of the Day 2.**
11.40 **FILM: Black Jack: Sweet Science (2004).** Australian detective drama.
1.15 **Sign Zone: Holby City.**

BBC2

6.00 **CBeebies: Me Too!**
6.20 **Big Cook Little Cook.**
6.40 **Mama Mirabelle's Movies.**
7.00 **CBBC: Uncle Max.**
7.10 **OOglies.**
7.30 **Prank Patrol.**
8.00 **ChuckleVision.**
8.30 **The Basil Brush Show.**
9.00 **The Sorcerer's Apprentice.**
10.00 **Something for the Weekend.**
11.30 **Escape to the Country.**
12.30 **Sports Personality of the Year: The Contenders.** The nominees for the award.
1.05 **Live Athletics.** The senior women's race at the European Cross-Country Championships.
2.00 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.** The opening session of the final.
5.30 **Ski Sunday.** New series. The men's World Cup Super-G from Val D'Isere in France.
6.00 **100 Years of the Girl Guides.** Documentary celebrating the centenary of the Girl Guides.
7.00 **Delia's Classic Christmas.** Delia Smith presents a festive cooking special.
8.00 **Victorian Farm Christmas.**
9.00 **Live Snooker: UK Championship.**
11.00 **Never Mind the Buzzcocks.** Frankie Boyle hosts the comedy music quiz.
11.30 **Argumental.**
12.00 **FILM: The Blue Tower (2008).** Drama, with Abhin Galeya.

ITV

6.00 **GMTV.**
9.25 **CITV: Paz.**
9.35 **Supernormal.**
9.50 **Horrid Henry.**
10.05 **Emu.**
10.35 **Finger Tips.**
10.55 **Coronation Street.**
1.10 **News and Weather.**
1.15 **Animals Do the Funniest Things.**
2.15 **FILM: Columbo: Rest in Peace, Mrs Columbo (1990).** Crime drama.
4.15 **Midsomer Murders.** Proposals to build a supermarket lead to murder.
6.15 **News and Weather.**
6.45 **All Star Family Fortunes.**
7.30 **The X Factor.** The two most popular finalists have one more chance to impress the public before the champion is revealed.
9.30 **I Dreamed a Dream: The Susan Boyle Story.** The Britain's Got Talent runner-up duets with her idol Elaine Paige and performs a selection of her favourite songs.
10.30 **ITV News and Weather.**
10.45 **Wayne McGregor – Across the Threshold: The South Bank Show.**
11.45 **FILM: Gorillas in the Mist (1988).** An American anthropologist gives up her city life to research endangered mountain gorillas in Rwanda. Fact-based drama.
1.55 **Champions League Weekly.**

CHANNEL 4

6.05 **Sali Mali.**
6.10 **Planet Cook.**
6.30 **Yo Gabba Gabba.**
7.00 **Beach Volleyball.**
7.55 **The Great Swim Series.**
8.50 **T4: Friends.**
9.25 **T4: Hollyoaks.**
11.55 **T4: 90210.**
12.50 **T4: St Trinian's 2: T4 Premiere Special.**
1.25 **T4: Ugly Betty.** Guest starring singer Adele.
2.20 **T4: JLS Christmas Crackers.**
3.25 **T4: The Simpsons.**
3.55 **T4: The Simpsons.** Homer gets food poisoning.
4.25 **Deal or No Deal.**
5.15 **Channel 4 News.**
5.45 **FILM: Elf (2003).** Comedy, starring Will Ferrell.
7.30 **The Worst Christmas Jobs in History.** Tony Robinson takes a slow slide down the Christmas career ladder as he tries his hand at some of the most wretched festive duties.
8.30 **Come Dine with Me.** Four cooks host dinner parties in Leeds.
9.30 **FILM: Epic Movie (2007).** Four adult orphans, each inspired by a character from a recent movie, discover the enchanted land of Gnarnia, which has fallen under an evil spell. Spoof fantasy.
11.10 **FILM: Cellular (2004).** Thriller, with Kim Basinger and Jason Statham.
1.00 **FILM: Lolita (1997).** Drama.

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6.00 **Sunrise.**
7.00 **Angels of Jarm.**
7.05 **Milkshake! Bop Box.**
7.10 **Fireman Sam.**
7.25 **Rupert Bear.**
7.35 **Hana's Helpline.**
7.50 **The WotWots.**
8.00 **Make Way for Noddy.**
8.10 **Adventures of Bottle Top Bill.**
8.25 **Roobarb and Custard Too.**
8.35 **The Mr Men Show.**
8.50 **Harry and His Bucket Full.**
9.00 **Olivia.**
9.20 **Little Princess.**
9.35 **Gerald McBoing Boing.**
10.00 **Shake!: Snobs.**
10.35 **Wizards of Waverly Place.**
11.10 **Hannah Montana.**
11.45 **The Tribe.**
12.15 **Zoo Days.**
12.35 **FILM: Three Wise Guys (2005).** Comedy.
2.20 **FILM: Blizzard (2003).** Family drama.
4.20 **FILM: Grounded (2006).** Family comedy.
6.05 **Highland Emergency.**
6.30 **Five News.**
6.35 **FILM: Raid on Entebbe (1977).** Fact-based drama, recounting the 1976 Israeli raid on Uganda's Entebbe airport.
9.30 **FILM: Constantine (2005).** An Exorcist grudgingly takes on the forces of evil, hoping his actions will earn him a place in heaven. Supernatural thriller.
11.50 **CCTV Cities.**
12.55 **NFL Live.**

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A particularly well presented three bedroom corner terraced house with garage tucked away at the end of this close in an attractive courtyard style setting. Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Rear Garden, Garage, Parking Space.

NEW

LITTLEPORT

A mid terraced, two bedroom Victorian house which lies in a convenient central position within this well served village location.

Open Plan Sitting Room, Kitchen, Useful Lean-To/Utility Area, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with separate Shower (off second bedroom), Rear Garden.

O/A £103,000

LITTLE DOWNHAM O/A £189,950

An improved well presented detached house with spacious accommodation well situated in a corner of a small cul de sac. Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Area, Utility Area, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Single Garage, Gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

WITCHFORD O/A £155,000

A well appointed recently redecorated and newly carpeted modern three bedroom semi detached house with a garage and an enclosed rear garden situated in a cul de sac less than a mile from the college within this sought after village location.

NEW

ELY
O/A £290,000

An exceptionally spacious detached bungalow situated in a small select cul de sac with superb views, within easy distance of the City Centre. Entrance Hall, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Dining Room, Lounge, Conservatory, Inner Hall, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, Cloakroom, GFCH., DG., Garden Areas, Garage. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

SOHAM O/A £365,000

A spacious extended well presented modern detached residence situated at the end of a small select cul de sac. Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, 4 Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room, Bathroom, Gardens, Garage & Parking.

LITTLEPORT £230,000

TWO exceptionally spacious four bedroom semi detached houses, being built in a cul de sac location by BUCKINGHAM & SPARROW Ltd., Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen, Utility Room, Dining Room, Sitting Room, En-Suite to Master Bedroom, Bathroom, Garage, NHBC.

LITTLEPORT O/A £215,000

An immaculate detached residence with annexe set in mature landscaped gardens in a sought after cul de sac within this well served village location.Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Spacious Kitchen/Dining Room, Potential Annexe, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gardens, Garage.

WITCHFORD O/A £400,000

An extremely spacious imposing modern individual detached house well situated in this popular village. Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast/Family Room, Utility Room, Five Bedrooms, En-Suite to Master, Family Bathroom, Gardens, Garage.

NEW PRICE

LITTLEPORT

An individual 1930s built detached residence with outbuildings in this well served village location. Entrance Hall, Three Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Three/Four Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Garage, Front and Rear Gardens, Gas Central Heating, Gas and Solar Energy Hot Water System.

O/A £260,000

SOHAM O/A £129,995

A superb detached Coach House style, two bedroom maisonette with its own garden area well situated in a small cul de sac on this popular development. Ground Floor Hall, First Floor Hall, L-Shaped Living Room, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Garage and Garden Area.

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A double fronted four bedroom detached residence in a popular development on the edge of the City. Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Study, Kitchen, Cloakroom, En-Suite Shower Room To Bedrooms 1 & 2, Family Bathroom, Double Tandem Garage & Driveway Parking, Gardens. UNFURNISHED

£950 pcm

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

SUTTON

A brand new three bedroom detached house set in a small cul de sac with gas c.h., double glazing, garage and parking for about four cars. Open Plan Living/Dining Room, Study/Playroom, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, G/F Shower Room, En-Suite to Master Bedroom, Family Bathroom, Garden. UNFURNISHED

£800 pcm

AVAILABLE MID DECEMBER

ELY

A detached property in a convenient situation around a mile or so from the City Centre. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Four Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Garage, Front & Rear Gardens, Driveway Parking. UNFURNISHED

£1,200 pcm

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

WICKEN

A well appointed three bedroom detached bungalow situated in a quiet lane backing on to an Orchard in this highly regarded village location. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Front Garden, Driveway Parking, Lawned Rear Garden.

£695 pcm

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY- UNFURNISHED

HADDENHAM

A two bedroom detached bungalow, which lies in an enviable elevated position towards the edge of the village, with wonderful far reaching views over open farmland. Living Room, Kitchen, Garden Room off Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway Parking, Gardens, Carport. PART / UNFURNISHED

£595 pcm

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

SOHAM

An impressive and particularly spacious four bedroom, two bathroom, three storey townhouse in a convenient situation within this popular well served market town. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Kitchen, En-Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing.

£675 pcm

AVAILABLE MID NOVEMBER

WICKEN

An individual modern, four double bedroom detached residence in a wonderful rural position just outside the village, surrounded by farmland with far reaching views towards Ely Cathedral.

£1,300 pcm

AVAILABLE END NOVEMBER - UNFURNISHED

LITTLE THETFORD

A detached house with 3 good sized bedrooms situated in a quiet residential area only a short drive from the City of Ely. Living Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, Cloakroom, En-Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom, Garage, Rear Garden, Parking.

£700 pcm

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY - UNFURNISHED

ELY

A brand new two bedroom apartment which forms part of a converted Victorian townhouse just a short walk from the station with a wonderful rear outlook to Ely Cathedral and private off-street parking. UNFURNISHED

£650 pcm

AVAILABLE BEGINNING DECEMBER

MEPAL

A spacious modern detached bungalow with a good sized rear garden, in a sought after cul de sac development. Entrance Hall, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Three Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room to Master Bedroom, Family Bathroom, Conservatory/Garden Room, Double Glazing, G.F.C.H., Driveway, Single Garage.

£725 pcm

AVAILABLE NOVEMBER

SUTTON

A well proportioned three bedroom detached bungalow with double garage which lies in a convenient cul de sac situation. Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen, Lean-To Garden Room, Bathroom, Gardens, Driveway Parking, Central Heating to Radiators, Double Glazing.

£625 pcm

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

SOHAM

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AVAILABLE MID/END NOVEMBER - UNFURNISHED

PROPERTY

Spacious, attractive five-bed

at a glance

- Offers in excess of £330,000
- Modern family home
- Five bedrooms
- En suites
- Garden and parking

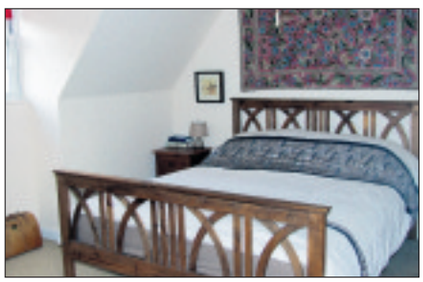
OFFERS in excess of £330,000 are invited for this modern family home.

It stands in Stour Green, Ely, in a cul-de-sac location. It provides attractive accommodation including an entrance hall with oak flooring, a living room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, five bedrooms – three with en suites – and a family bathroom.

Outside there are gardens to the front and rear. The back garden is mainly laid to lawn and also incorporates a vegetable patch.

A driveway provides parking and leads to a tandem garage.

For more information on this home, call Abbotts Countrywide on (01353) 666502.



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Traditional semi-detached home

SITUATED in Back Hill, Ely, is this traditional semi-detached home.

The property offers fantastic period accommodation presented in very good order.

From the entrance hall there is a spacious living/dining room, kitchen and utility room. There are three bedrooms and a bathroom in addition. Each of the rooms retains a number of character features, including open fireplaces and stripped timber floors.

Outside, there is an attractive garden with gated access to Cherry Hill Park.

This property is on the market with no upward chain for £179,950. Contact Cheffins on (01353) 654900.

PROPERTY

Cottage boasts garden plus more

OFFERS around £185,000 are invited for this deceptively spacious house.

The character cottage stands in Main Street, Little Downham and includes a spacious entrance hall, kitchen/dining room with walk-in pantry, a front living room, conservatory, three bedrooms and a spacious bathroom.

There is also a mature rear garden with shed and a useful outbuilding which could form an excellent studio or home office.

This property is on the market with no upward chain.

Contact Pocock & Shaw on (01353) 668091 for further details.

Two double-bedroom maisonette with views

THIS centrally-located maisonette offers superb far-reaching views.

Situated in St Martins Walk, Ely, it is on the market with no upward chain.

The accommodation includes an entrance hall, kitchen, spacious living/dining room, two double bedrooms and a refitted bathroom.

One allocated parking space is also provided.

This property is on the market for £119,950 and would make an ideal first-time purchase or investment buy.

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- Viewing essential

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LITTLEPORT £287,500

- Individual detached house
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- 4 bedrooms
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- 3 reception rooms
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- Spacious kitchen/diner
- 3 bedrooms
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PYMOOR £299,950

- Substantial detached bungalow
- On approx 1/2 acre
- Spacious lounge
- 3 bedrooms
- 4th bedroom/study
- Fitted kitchen & utility
- Garage, outbuilding & workshop
- Viewing recommended

LITTLEPORT £229,950

- Modern detached house
- 4 bedrooms
- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen b'fast room
- Utility room & study
- En-suite to bed 1
- Double garage
- Good size garden

LT THETFORD £179,950

- Modern detached house
- Cul de sac location
- Fitted kitchen/diner
- Lounge
- 3 bedrooms
- En-suite to bed 1
- Enclosed rear garden
- Garage

MEPAL £205,000

- Modern detached bungalow
- Popular development
- 3 bedrooms
- En-suite to bed 1
- Fitted kitchen
- Conservatory
- Private rear garden
- No onward chain

ELY £229,995

- Brand new house
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- 3 bedrooms
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NEW PRICE

Wilburton £410,000

An imposing detached family home comprising ent hall, cloakroom, superb 20'10" x 14'5" kitchen/dining room, utility, family room, lounge, study, conservatory, 4 double bedrooms (2 en-suite), bathroom, attractive well stocked gardens, driveway & double garage. The property is finished to a high specification & is superbly presented. Viewing recommended.

NEW

Little Downham
Guide Price £300,000

A spacious detached family home with a paddock of approx. 1 acre (sts). The property which requires updating benefits from 3 bedrooms, 3 reception rooms & attractive views to the rear. Separate building plot also available at £150,000.

NEW

Ely £119,950

A centrally located maisonette comprising entrance hall, kitchen, spacious lounge/dining room, 2 double bedrooms, refitted bathroom and allocated parking. The property has the benefit of superb views from certain rooms and is offered for sale with no upward chain. Ideal first time purchase or investment buy and viewing is highly recommended.

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Sutton
£161,950
Immaculately presented semi-detached house with superb views. Includes ent hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, landing, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, gardens and driveway.

NEW

Little Downham
£265,000
A detached bungalow on a plot of approx. 0.4 of an acre. Lobby, kitchen/brkfst room, lounge, dining room, family room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, dble garage, outbuildings & gardens. No upward chain.

Wicken
£269,000
An extended period chracter detached home in a highly regarded village. Lounge/diner, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom/utility, study, conservatory, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, drive & gardens.

NEW PRICE

Littleport
£134,950
Well presented property including ent hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, lounge, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, d.g., gas c.h., parking for 4 vehicles, rear garden. No Upward Chain.

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£135,000
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£249,950
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Ely
£199,950
A modern detached house comprising ent hall, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, lounge/diner, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, garage, parking & gardens. No upward chain.

NEW

Little Downham
Guide Price £150,000
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Soham
£135,000
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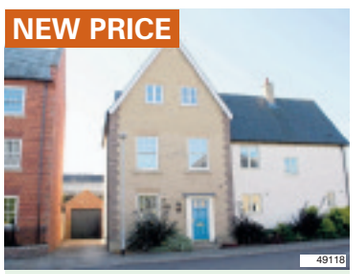
NEW PRICE



Ely
£285,000
A semi-detached home in superb central city location. Includes ent hall, cloakroom, dining room/study, kitchen/brkfst room, lounge, 3 beds (2 ensuite), bathroom, garden, drive & garage. No upward chain.

Soham
£148,000
An established semi-detached home with garden of approx 96ft situated close to Qua Fen Common. Ent hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, shower room, 3 bedrooms, drive & gardens. No upward chain.

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Ely
£215,950
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Ely
£265,000
A spacious versatile detached family home with accommodation that includes entrance hallway, kitchen, utility, lounge, dining room, study, 4 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom & double garage.

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Potential OIRO £150,000

SUTTON...A three bedroom semi detached home situated in a good location for access to St.Johns School and walking distance into the City centre.

The accomodaiton is in need of general modernisation throughout and offers huge potential situated on a good sized plot.

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Room
- Kitchen
- Garage

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Charm & Tradition £184,995

ELY..A rarely available older style detached house, situated within a sought after location in central Ely. The property has been well maintained by the present owner.

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Guide Price £279995

WITCHFORD..Four bedroom detached bungalow situated in the sought after village location. 20ft lounge, 20ft kitchen, dining room and separate study, en-suite, Garden, driveway & double garage

VIEW TODAY **Ref: 5540**

- Detached
- Study
- Dining Room
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Garage

OIRO £145,000

SOHAM...An immaculate two bedroom home, benefitting from two ensuite facilities, situated within this popular development.

The property is offered chain free. Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Ensuite Bathroom, Ensuite Shower Room, Gardens, Car Port, Gas Radiators.

VIEW TODAY **Ref: 6144**

- Mid Terrace
- Lounge/Diner
- En-Suite
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Gardens

Individual £275,000

HADDENHAM..A detached bungalow which offers lounge, kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms & cloakroom/shower room. Situated on a plot of approx one third of an acre, 42ft workshop and substantial parking.

GET DIALLING **Ref: 5760**

- Unique
- Lounge
- Approx1/3 Acre
- Detached
- Kitchen
- 42ft Workshop

Spacious £295,000

WICKEN...This detached home has been much improved by the current owners and is deceptively spacious throughout. The accommodation offers a 20ft' lounge, 23ft' newly fitted kitchen, newly fitted shower room, dining room, office/5th double bedroom, bathroom, garden with views.

VIEW TODAY! **Ref: 6056**

- Deceptively Spacious
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Detached Home
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Office/5th Bedroom

Fantastic £159,950

HADDENHAM....A well presented three bedroom semi detached home. Offering kitchen, lounge, en-suite, bathroom, cloakroom/w.c, front and rear gardens, integrated garage & block paved driveway. This property is situated in a popular location with convenient access to Ely.

CALL TODAY **Ref: 6137**

- Well Presented
- Kitchen
- En-Suite
- Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Bathroom

Simple & Spacious £79,995

LITTLEPORT...This ground floor apartment is situated in a small cul-de-sac location, offering lounge/diner, kitchen, one double bedroom, bathroom and storage cupboards. There is also allocated parking for one car and front and rear garden space.

GET DIALLLING **Ref: 6098**

- Apartment
- Kitchen
- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Garden
- Parking

O.I.E.O £125,000

LITTLEPORT..A mature three bedroom semi detached property. Offers off road parking, refitted kitchen and the added benefit of an ensuite shower room to the Master Bedroom!

VIEW TODAY **Ref: 5735**

- Semi Detached
- Kitchen
- En-Suite
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Driveway

Quaint Cottage OIEO £168,000

SUTTON...This detached two bedroom period property that dating back in some parts 200 years has been modernised. The accomodation offers lounge, kitchen/diner, garden & parking. Viewing is a must to appreicate the style.

VIEW TODAY **Ref: 6094**

- Cottage
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Detached
- Lounge
- Bathroom

Exceptional £267,500

This accommodation has been greatly improved to include new solid oak flooring on the ground floor reception rooms, new modern white kitchen with Neff appliances, new bathroom, cloakroom and en-suite tiled with limestone finish, new carpets!

DON'T MISS THIS **Ref: 6111**

- Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Garden

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Potential £275,000

ELY..This detached house is situated in Ely on the ever popular Barton Road, ideal for walking to the station and shops. In need of modernisation throughout the accommodation at present offers four bedrooms, lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, cloakroom and utility.

VIEW TODAY **Ref: 6103**

- Detached
- Lounge
- Cloakroom
- Town House
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility

Estate Of The Art £175,500

SOHAM...An immaculate three bedroom three storey semi detached home. The property offers good sized accommodation throughout, and needs to be seen to be appreciated. Comprises; Utility Room, Lounge. Kitchen, Ensuite to Master Bedroom, Garage, Gardens.

GET DIALLING **Ref: 5984**

- Immaculate Home
- Three Storey
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- En-Suite

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Black Horse Drove Littleport **£178,500**

Detached bungalow set on a generous plot in rural location
Situated in a rural location with far reaching views this detached bungalow sits on a generous plot & comprises; Large ent hall, living room, dining room/bedroom 4, kitchen, utility room, 3 further bedrooms, fam bathroom, driveway & large rear garden. Requiring some modernisation this must be viewed to appreciate.

Fishers Bank Littleport **£178,000**

Modern semi detached four bedroom family home
Situated on a generous plot offering spacious accommodation comprising; Ent hall, cloak, kitchen, utility room, living room, dining room, conservatory, 4 bedrooms, ensuite to master, fam bathroom, front & rear gardens, single garage & driveway. Sold with no upper chain an internal viewing is highly recommended.

The Brook Sutton **£137,000**

Modern 2 bed terraced in the well served village of Sutton
The accommodation has been improved by the current owner & comprises; Enthall, cloak, recently refitted kitchen, living room, 2 double bedrooms, recently refitted bathroom, rear garden, garage & 2 further parking spaces.No upper chain,an ideal investment or first time buy.

Primrose Lane Soham **£99,950**

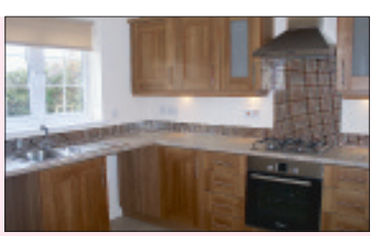
One bedroom end of terraced in popular village
Ideally situated for the local shops and amenities, offering easy access to the A14, Cambridge and Ely. Accommodation comprises; Living/dining room, kitchen, double bedroom, bathroom, low maintenance garden and allocated parking. The property is sold with the benefit of no upper chain and is an ideal first time buy or investment opportunity.

White House Road Little Ouse **£349,950**

Beautifully renovated detached bungalow on approx 2/3 acre
Situated within a rural location & set within approx 2/3 acre (sts) of beautifully maintained garden land this 4 bedroom detached bungalow has been renovated throughout to an exceptionally high standard & offers spacious and well presented accommodation. No upper chain, an internal viewing is strongly recommended.

Ely Road Little Downham **£179,995**

Modern 3 bedroom family home in popular village
This modern end of terraced home offers spacious accommodation comprising; Ent Hall, cloakroom, kitchen, Living/Dining Room, 3 double bedrooms with en-suite to large master bedroom, family Bathroom, enclosed rear garden & 2 allocated parking spaces. The property is sold with the benefit of no upper chain.



Rye Close Littleport **£149,950**

3 bedroom semi detcahed family home
Built to a high specification by prestigious developers Cannon Kirk, the spacious accommodation comprises: Entrance hall, cloakroom, living/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, three bedrooms with ensuite to master, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden and single garage. No Upper Chain

Black Horse Drove Littleport **OIEO £140,000**

Detached 2 bedroom bungalow overlooking farmland
Recently modernised & improved the property comprises; Ent hall, lounge/diner, conservatory, re fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms with ensuite to master, bathroom, detached garage with driveway & gardens to front, rear & side. Benefiting from oil central heating & double glazing throughout & is sold with no upper chain

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Soham £500

End of terrace bungalow situated in a quite residential cul de sac of similar homes in the well served village of Soham offering easy access to Ely, Newmarket and Cambridge.
Professional single/couple/small family
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Littleport £500

Semi detached house freshly decorated throughout. The property also benefits from gas central heating, low maintenance gardens and parking for 2 cars.

Professional couple/small family
Available 29/01/10 - Unfurnished

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NEW

Wilburton £550

A superbly presented terraced bungalow set within a electronic gated courtyard located along the Twentypence Road.

Professional single/couple
Available Now - Furnished

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Haddenham £575

A well presented bungalow in this sought after Village comprising: sitting/dining rm, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, conservatory, bathroom, front & rear gardens and garage
Professional Single/Couple/Small Family
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NEW

Soham £595

A superb brand new ground floor flat, extremely spacious, well laid out and neutrally decorated comprises; entrance hall, kitchen/dining room with white goods, sitting room, large bathroom and 2 good size bedrooms.
Professional Single/Couple
Available 14/12/09 - Unfurnished + w/goods

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Littleport £595

Just a short walk from the mainline rail station & Town this modern home offers; sitting/dining rm, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden, garage & parking space
Professional Single/Couple/Family
Available Now - Unfurnished

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Littleport £600

A brand new 3 bedroom property on the Cannon Kirk development, located a short walk from the Town Centre with local shops and amenities including a mainline rail station and two local primary schools.
Professional single/couple/family
Available Now - Unfurnished

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NEW

Wilburton £600

A superbly presented terraced bungalow set within a electronic gated courtyard offering superb security. Located along the Twentypence Road

Professional single/couple
Available Now - Furnished

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Littleport £650

Situated on the popular modern development of Fishers Bank this 3 storey end terrace town house was built by Persimmon homes in 2002. The property offers excellent access to the Town centre and mainline rail station.
Professional single/couple/family
Available 11/12/2009 - Unfurnished

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Littleport £650

A modern townhouse presented to the highest of standards located within walking distance of the Town centre and mainline station.

Professional Couple/Family
Available Now - Unfurnished

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AVAILABLE NOW

Little Downham £675

Situated in this popular village this modern home offers: kitchen, WC, lounge/dining rm, 3 double bedrooms, ensuite, bathroom, GCH & 2 parking spaces
Professional Couple/Family
Available Now - Unfurnished

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Littleport £675

A brand new 3 bedroom property on the Cannon Kirk development, located a short walk from the Town Centre, local shops and amenities including mainline rail station and two local primary schools.
Professional Single/Couple/Family
Available Now - Unfurnished

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NEW

Ely £700

A well presented modern home located to the North side of Ely offering excellent access to Cambridge/Newmarket/Downham Market and the mainline rail station offering access into London.
Professional single/couple/family
Available 11/01/10 - Unfurnished

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Littleport £700

Stunning three bedroom Edwardian semi detached cottage situated in the popular village of Littleport.
Professional couple/family
Available Now (with 14 days notice) - Furnished/Unfurnished

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NEW

Soham £750

Fantastic spacious four bedroom home located in the sought after village of Soham offering excellent schooling and day to day amenities.
Professional couple/family
Available Now - Unfurnished

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Littleport £750

Beautifully proportioned detached bungalow set in enclosed cottage style gardens hidden away from the main road and accessed by a private road, but within easy walking distance of the main Town.
Professional single/couple/family
Available 12/12/09 - Unfurnished

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NEW

Ely £850

A sizeable modern home located on the Western boundary of Ely offering easy access to A10 and located within walking distance of St. Johns primary.

Professional single/ couple/family
Available 15/01/10 - Unfurnished

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AVAILABLE NOW

Ely £925

Fantastic home in a sought after location offers: sitting rm, dining rm, kitchen/breakfast rm, 4 bedrooms, ensuite, family bathroom, gardens, double garage & driveway
Professional Couple/Family
Available Now - Unfurnished

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Littleport £1,000

Detached 4 bedroom ex show home short walk to Town Centre with local shops and amenities including a mainline rail station and two local primary schools.

Professional single/couple/family
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Wimblington £1,250

A well presented Executive home offers: 2 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, family rm/kitchen, utility, 2 ensuites, family bathroom, garden and double garage
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Soham £380

A lovely bungalow offering stylish accommodation: 1 bedroom, sitting rm & kitchen, shower room, small garden and allocated parking
Professional Single/Couple
Available Now - Unfurnished

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Littleport £395

Located within this small development this ground floor flat offers: sitting/dining rm, kitchen, bathroom, 1 bedroom, communal garden & 1 allocated parking space
Professional Single/Couple
Available Feb 10 - Unfurnished

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NEW PRICE

Soham £410

One bedroom mid terrace home well presented with recently fitted kitchen. Neutral décor throughout .
Professional single/couple
Available Now - Unfurnished

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NEW

Littleport £450

An immaculate first floor apartment, superbly presented, located close to the Town centre
Professional single/couple/small family
Available Now - Unfurnished

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Littleport £465

Very well proportioned flat just off Main Street offers: 2 double bedrooms, single bedroom/dining rm, sitting rm, kitchen, bathroom, study & on site parking
Professional Single/Couple/Family
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Soham £475

One bedroom property situated in the popular village of Soham. Spacious accommodation with neutral decor.
Professional couple/single
Available 12/01/10 - Unfurnished

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AVAILABLE NOW

Soham £495

Mid terrace modern home comprising sitting/dining room, kitchen, double bedroom, single bedroom and bathroom with shower.

Professional family
Available 4/12/09 - Unfurnished

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Littleport £545

A well presented property offering: sitting room, study, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, GCH and one allocated parking space
Professional Single/Couple/Small Family
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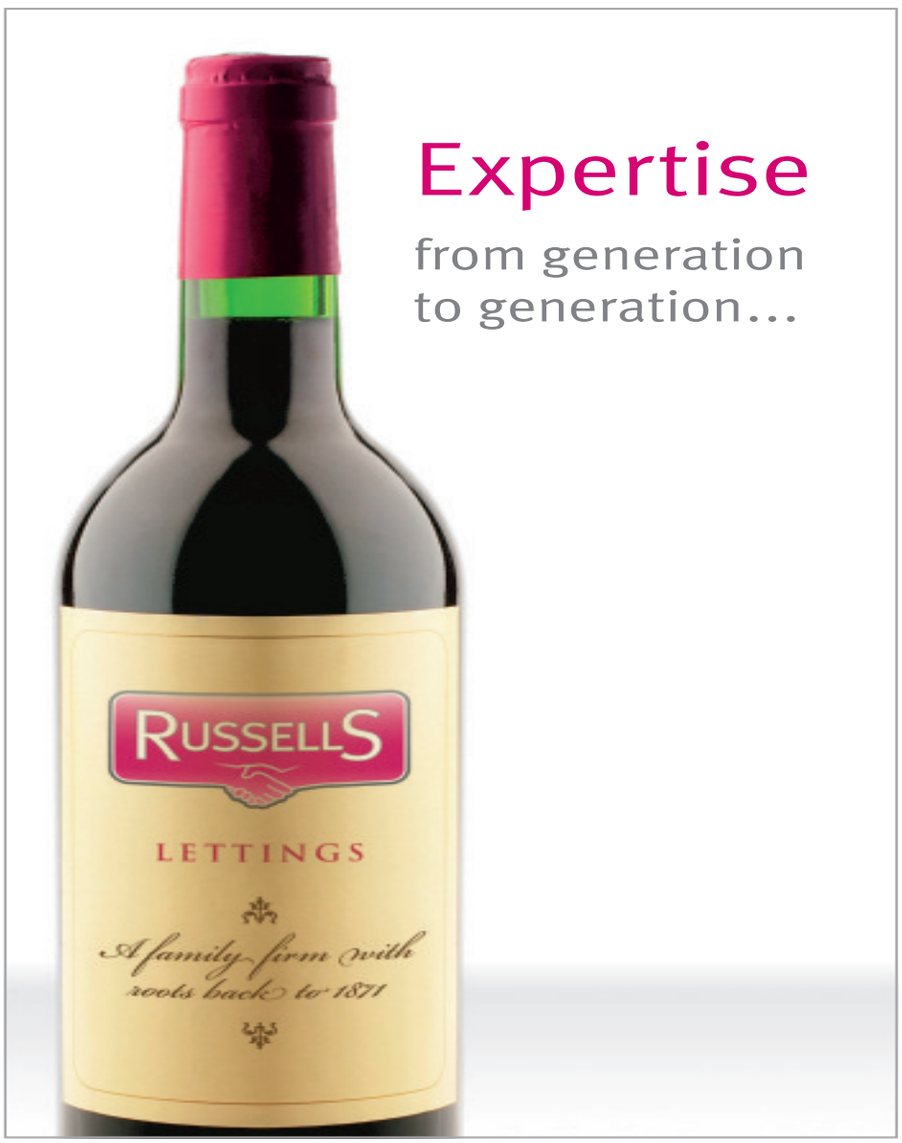

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Soham £475

Deceptively spacious and well presented self contained one bedroom first floor flat located in a well regarded cul de sac in the well served village of Soham.
Professional single/couple
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Littleport £520

A stunning cottage located within a short walk of the Town centre offering many local shops and facilities and the mainline rail station

Professional Single/Couplet/Small Family
Available 11/01/10 - Unfurnished

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AVAILABLE NOW

Littleport £550

A very spacious older style home located in this popular Town, the well presented accommodation offers; sitting rm, dining rm, kitchen, utility, 3 double bedrooms, bathroom, garden, double garage & ample parking
Professional Couple/Small Family
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£125,000

A luxuriously appointed two bedroom top floor apartment, located close to the river in Soham. Accommodation comprises lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property also benefits from gas heating and double glazing

New Price

Soham
£84,995

Well presented one bedroom flat situated in the town of Soham. Accommodation comprises lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. The property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. One allocated parking space.

Churchgate Street, Soham
£84,950

A two bedroom first floor maisonette, double glazed, gas radiator heating, new kitchen, new bathroom

New Price

Soham
£235,000

A spacious detached family house situated in a non estate position in the town of Soham. Accommodation comprises Lounge, dining room, family room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, four bedrooms, with en-suites to bedrooms one and two, bathroom, garage, driveway and garden. Viewing strongly recommended.

Isleham
£285,000

A five bedroom detached property situated in the popular village of Isleham. The accommodation comprises hall, downstairs shower room, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, master bedroom with en suite shower room and walk in wardrobe, four further bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, integral garage.

Soham
£360,000

Exceptional detached bungalow. Accommodation comprises hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, bathroom, wet room, landing room, four bedrooms.

Soham
£137,995

A three bedroom older style terraced house, gas radiator heating, double glazing, re fitted kitchen and bathroom, conservatory, good size garden. Viewing recommended

Brewhouse Lane,Soham
£142,500

A three bedroom semi detached house, double glazed, gas radiator heating,lounge / diner, lean to / utility room, garage at rear

Soham
£152,950

Detached bungalow situated in popular location. Accommodation comprises lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, and benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, garden and off street parking.

TO LET

Soham
£495

End of terrace cottage situated within walking distance of Soham town centre. Accommodation comprises lounge, kitchen, bathroom and two bedrooms, and benefits from gas central heating, rear garden and shared driveway to the side.

TO LET

Soham
£650

A three bedroom detached bungalow in Soham. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, lean to, three bedrooms, front and rear gardens, off street parking.

TO LET

Soham
£525

Semi detached cottage situated within walking distance of Soham town centre. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, two bedrooms and bathroom and benefits from gas heating, an enclosed rear garden and allocated parking.

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£189,995 – 3 bed home with garage
£192,995 – 4 bed home with garage

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Holmewood, Littleport

Isleham

A two bedroom end terrace house with three reception rooms, kitchen, study, family bathroom, garage, out buildings and side and rear gardens.

Ely

A two bedroom period property located within the city convenient for rail links and amenities. Offering two reception rooms, brick built outbuilding, first floor bathroom, and enclosed rear garden.

Sutton **£132,500**

A well presented two bedroom end terrace home that is modern throughout and offers lounge/dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, bathroom, two allocated parking spaces, enclosed rear garden, gas heating and double glazing.

Ely

An internal viewing is highly recommended for this two bedroom second floor apartment. The property has sitting room, kitchen, bathroom and allocated parking space.

Prickwillow

A three bedroom (and box room) semi detached cottage with two reception rooms and front and rear gardens.

In need of complete refurbishment.

No Upward Chain.

Soham

A one bedroom ground floor flat comprising of sitting room, kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. The property is offered for sale with No Upward Chain and an internal viewing is strongly advised.

Littleport

A four bedroom detached home offering en suite, double garage, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, downstairs wc, first floor bathroom and rear garden.
No Upward Chain.

Littleport

Two 3 storey 4 bed semi detached houses with 2 en suites, lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, cloakroom, 1st floor bathroom, rear garden, one with tandem parking, one with garage and parking. No Upward Chain

Littleport

This well maintained three bedroom semi detached house offers lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, downstairs wc, first floor bathroom, rear garden, driveway parking and garage.

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£675,000

WILBURTON
An imposing six bedroom detached family home commanding an enviable location within the heart of the village.
Cloakroom, family/playroom, lounge, kitchen /dining room, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, guest bedroom with en-suite, family bathroom, large garden, gated driveway providing off road parking, double garage, D/G, OCH.
£500,000

WITCHFORD
A bright and spacious four bedroom detached family home seated on a generous plot.
Entrance porch, study area, lounge, dining room, kitchen, family room, cloakroom, master bedroom with en-suite, family bathroom, D/G, GCH, large enclosed rear garden, double garage, parking, sought after cul-de-sac location.
£419,950

ELY
A beautiful Grade II listed former Coach House offering spacious accommodation situated in the centre of Ely.
Cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, lounge, master bedroom, bedroom four/study, bathroom, shower room, garage, parking, patio area, rear garden, GCH.
£350,000

NEW

HADDENHAM
A brand new five bedroom family home with spacious accommodation spread over three floors with views out towards open countryside.
Cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, bedroom two with en-suite shower room, bathroom, shower room, enclosed rear garden, garage and driveway, OCH, D/G.
£299,995

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£275,000

NEW PRICE

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A well presented four bedroom detached family home situated in a highly sought after residential development within the City of Ely.
Cloakroom, lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with en-suite, family bathroom, GCH, D/G, rear garden, garage, ample parking.
£249,950

NEW

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A well presented three bedroom townhouse with spacious accommodation, within this popular residential development.
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WILBURTON

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TOWER COURT, ELY

3BR character house on the refurbished Tower Court development, just off Cambridge Road.
Main bedroom with en-suite shower room and fitted wardrobes, neutral decor throughout. GCH. Allocated parking. Unfurnished.

£650 PCM

WINFARTHING COURT, ELY

2BR 1st floor flat located 5 minutes from BR Station and City Centre and close to the river.
1 double, 1 single bedroom, shower, allocated parking, GCH and communal gardens. Unfurnished.

£575 PCM

MARKET STREET, ELY

1BR split level flat over 1st and 2nd floor in the City Centre, providing easy access to BR Station and A10.
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£395 PCM

LITTLE THETFORD

3BR detached home with conservatory located in the village of Little Thetford giving easy access to the A10.
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£700 PCM

SUTTON

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£725 PCM

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LITTLEPORT

Well presented 3BR end terrace house on a popular development, providing easy access to Ely City Centre & A10.
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4BR Townhouse located on the Gateway Gardens development to the South of the City Centre.
Main bedroom with en-suite. Neutrally decorated throughout, GCH, enclosed rear garden, garage and driveway. Unfurnished.

£1,000 PCM

THE RANGE, ELY

Pretty 3BR cottage in a picturesque location, a few minutes walk of the City Centre & with rear views of the Cathedral.
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£725 PCM

NORFOLK ROAD, ELY

5BR detached property located to the south of the City Centre giving excellent access to the A10.
With rear enclosed garden, double garage and driveway. GCH and neutrally decorated throughout. Master bedroom with en-suite and seperate dining room. Unfurnished.

£1,100 PCM

LONGCHAMP DRIVE, ELY

5BR detached house is located in a quiet cul-de-sac of Kings Avenue in Ely with seperate Dining room and large Kitchen excellent accomodation for a family.
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SUTTON

Spacious 2BR 1st floor flat on the High Street, offering easy access to Ely City Centre & A10.
The property also benefits from double glazing, 2 good size bedrooms, double shower cubicle, electric heating and on street parking. Inclusive of water. Unfurnished.

£395 PCM

ST MARTINS WALK, ELY

3BR end of terrace property located in the Centre of Ely and providing easy access to BR Station.
The property benefits from fully equipped kitchen, allocated parking and rear enclosed garden. Electric Heating. Unfurnished.

£625 PCM

LONGCHAMP DRIVE, ELY

4BR detached house with garage and seperate dining room. Located on the Cathedral View development North East of the City Centre.
This property gives easy access to the A10 and City Centre. GCH. Unfurnished.

£1,200 PCM

HENLEY WAY, ELY

Modern 2BR semi detached house in popular estate off Prickwillow Road.
Nicely decorated and well presented throughout. Electric shower over the bath, GCH, garage, enclosed rear garden. Unfurnished.

£625 PCM

LITTLEPORT

4BR, 3 storey Detached House, in a popular Village 5 miles from Ely, close to local amenities and BR Station.
4 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. GCH. Gardens. Garage and 2 off road parking spaces. Unfurnished.

£775 PCM

LITTLEPORT

3BR semi-detached house located in the village of Littleport giving easy access to the BR Station and A10.
The property is neutrally decorated throughout with 2 double bedrooms, GCH, rear enclosed garden. Unfurnished.

£595 PCM

SOHAM

3BR house located on the Kings Oak development. Bathroom with over bath shower.
Kitchen with double oven, gas hob, fridge/freezer and washing machine. Neutrally decorated throughout with GCH, allocated parking and enclosed rear garden. Unfurnished.

£650 PCM

ST. MARYS STREET, ELY

Older style 2BR Victorian terrace house near city centre with view of the Cathedral and opposite Cromwells Museum, providing easy access to the A10.
Small private courtyard garden to the rear. GCH. Neutral decor throughout. Unfurnished.

£575 PCM

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RENTALS GUIDE

William H Brown scoops accolade

WILLIAM H Brown, as part of the Sequence Group, was named Best Financial Agent at this year's Estate Agency of the Year Awards.

The group also collected awards in the Best UK Large Agency and Best Lettings categories and was shortlisted for its Customer Care and Technology/Web.

The event, which this year attracted a record number of entries, was hosted by television personality Penny Smith at Stamford Bridge, the home of Chelsea Football Club.

"Sequence has a proud record of success at the Estate Agency of the Year Awards and has collected numerous awards during the six years that the event has been running," says Stephen Rivett of William H Brown in Ely. "We are absolutely delighted that this year we have once again achieved accolades for our sales, lettings and financial services – the very core of our business – and that our commitment to customer care has also been recognised."

The judges' report highlighted the particular qualities of Sequence stating: "Sequence remains very focused on delivering quality customer care [and is] an excellent example of a professional business providing quality levels of service."

Sequence chief executive David Plumtree commented: "These awards are a tribute to our staff whose hard work and commitment to delivering a first class service ensures that we continue to be a market leading estate agency. It was therefore fitting that the judges singled them out for particular praise."

AWARD: Penny Smith with Sequence chief executive David Plumtree at the awards ceremony

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NEW

Double glazed flat near Town. Modern well fitted kitchen. Lounge, bathroom with white 3 piece suite. The property is neutrally decorated throughout.

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NEW

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WILBURTON £1,250 pcm
NEW

4 bedroom detached house. Kitchen, with white goods, Lounge with open fire place, dining room, Cloakroom. Front & rear garden, parking, garage & shed.

LITTLEPORT £550 pcm
NEW PRICE

3 bedroom semi-detached house. Lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom with shower over bath. GCH, garage, front and rear gardens.

HADDENHAM £450 pcm
NEW

1 bedroom ground floor flat. Kitchen, Large Lounge, Bedroom, Bathroom with white suite. Off street parking.

HADDENHAM £450 pcm
NEW

2 bedroom park home. Kitchen, lounge, Bedrooms with wardrobes, Bathroom with shower over bath. GAS cooker. Garden area, Allocated parking.

WELNEY £500 pcm
NEW

Semi detached 3 bedroom cottage in rural location. Lounge with open fire, Dining Room, Kitchen, Downstairs Bathroom, Oil fired central heating. parking.

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3 bedroom semi-detached house. Lounge, dining room, kitchen with oven, washing machine and refrigerator, Bathroom with shower over bath. GHS and rear garden.

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4 bed bungalow. Cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, white goods. Dining room, lounge, shower en-suite. Bathroom. Garage. Patio garden.

LITTLEPORT £640 pcm

2 bedroom bungalow. Kitchen with oven & hob, lounge, bedroom 2 with patio doors, bathroom with shower over bath. GCH. Garden & parking

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We all love Giulietta

Polo is Car of the Year

THE current eco-drive dictated that it was always going to be a small, super-green small vehicle, so congratulations to the Volkswagen Polo for walking away with the 2010 Car of the Year award.

And it should be no surprise to learn that its main contender – and eventual runner-up – was the Toyota iQ.

Voting was close, as the Polo scored 347 points against 337 for Toyota's city runabout iQ – with other hopefuls cantering home well behind those two.

The Vauxhall Astra achieved 221 points from the European jury, which included six UK-based members.

The other finalists were the Skoda Yeti (158 points), the Mercedes-Benz E-Class (155), the Peugeot 3008 (144) and the Citroen C3 Picasso (113).

Volkswagen's winner only went on sale here in October, in five-door form, with the three-door version not due until the first weeks of 2010.

It has already proved a big showroom draw – more than 8,000 orders have been taken, an incredible 86 per cent above the projected sales volume. The new year sees the arrival of the BlueMotion model, which can return 83mpg on the combined cycle, while emitting just 90g/km of CO2. Those figures make it one of the most efficient, eco-friendly cars on the market.

Volkswagen last held a COTY title 17 years ago, when the third-generation Golf wowed the 59 award jurors, who are spread across 23 European countries.

That year, it emerged the victor over the Opel Astra and Citroen ZX.

Autocar magazine editor Steve Cropley, one of the UK jurors this year, confirmed that climate considerations counted strongly in the final vote-count.

White on: The Volkswagen Polo.

"Small, economical cars were the best of this year's crop," he says.

"The Polo is a very complete, very refined car which delivers all the consistent qualities VW has become so well-known for.

"But the iQ did amazingly well, and it was nice to see good support for the Astra, whose maker, GM Europe, was victorious in 2009 with the Insignia executive car."

Volkswagen's group chairman, Professor Martin Winterkorn, says the winning, fifth-generation Polo was designed to address customer expectations with even greater, uncompromising standards.

"So we are naturally very pleased to see our efforts validated in this award," he adds.

When the three-door arrives in January, it will have the same engine and trim level availability as five-door models.

The trim levels work up through S, SE, Moda and then on to SEL, which is the luxury offering.

Alfa Romeo relaunches legend

THE new Alfa Romeo Giulietta will be presented to the world at the forthcoming Geneva Motor Show in March.

Sales of the new model will start in spring and be gradually extended to all the major markets. The Alfa Romeo Giulietta is expected to give new impetus to the brand in one of Europe's most important segments.

In its centenary year, the name is both a tribute to an automobile heritage and to Alfa Romeo itself.

The Giulietta is a car that, in the 1950s, caught the imagination of generations of car enthusiasts, fulfilling their dreams of owning an Alfa Romeo, and making its high level of comfort and technical excellence accessible for the first time.

Don't skimp on repairs!

FOR recession, read fewer car repairs.

The credit crunch has hit Britain's motorists harder than the statisticians will have you believe, and survey after survey is showing that more and more drivers are deferring vital car repairs due to the downturn.

The used-car valuers at Glass's found almost half of UK motorists have put off car servicing or repair expenditure this year, which could hit the effectiveness of vital vehicle-safety systems.

But drivers could also be shooting themselves in the foot in the long-term, adds Glass's.

"Prospective purchasers are always more likely to buy a car which has a full service history over one that does not," it warns.

Worryingly, though, the latest Glass's survey showed 8 per cent of drivers have taken the potentially dangerous decision to delay the purchase of replacement tyres, while 15 per cent had postponed routine professional car services.

"While it is inevitable that some consumers will respond to deteriorating economic conditions by cutting back on aspects of their motoring expenditure, it is concerning that scheduled services and tyre purchases are being deferred," said Glass's managing director Andy Carroll.

"These are crucial for safety, and also have an impact on resale values.

"Moreover, by delaying important checks and missing manufacturer-stated service intervals, motorists are putting warranty cover at risk," he warns.

How to choose a used car

SECOND-HAND cars that haven't earned any kind of a reputation – good, bad, expensive to run etc – will always be cheap buys, says *Used Car Expert* magazine editor Matt Tumbridge.

"And they have as good a chance of being reliable as anything else you can buy," he adds.

Here's three examples:

■ Rover 25: "Well-built, this is a sensational value small hatchback with reasonable equipment levels, and simple, timeless looks. It is a Honda Civic, but without the reputation," says Tumbridge.

Used Car Expert magazine prices a 2000 1.6 petrol with 50,000 miles at between £1,000 and £1,400 retail. "But at an auction you'll pay less than £500," he says.

■ Renault Scenic: "The first small MPV, it is a good-looking alternative to a family estate. There's lots on the market, so you can be fussy and find something for any budget."

Good-looking: The Renault Scenic.

Bargain: The Vauxhall Omega.

Used Car Expert magazine prices a 2001 1.6 petrol at anything from £1,000-£2,000 from the trade, depending on mileage, specification, and condition. "But at auction it is more likely to sell for £600 to £800," Tumbridge adds.

■ Vauxhall Omega: "This luxury saloon is available at bargain prices – and relatively cheap to keep on the road, too," he says.

Used Car Expert magazine prices a 2002 2.5 or 2.6-litre petrol with 70,000 miles at £2,000 -£3,000 retail. "I saw one go through auction recently – with a decent service history – for just £425."

Well-built: The Rover 25.

Great spec: The Fiat Punto Evo goes on sale next month.

Fiat's Punto Evo is priced from £10,995

PRICING for the forthcoming Punto Evo has just been announced by Fiat UK.

With a starting price of £10,995 the new car, which goes on sale in the UK in January, represents outstanding value for money. At the top end of the Punto Evo range, the highly specified Sporting 1.4 MultiAir version costs £15,295 – an OTR price that includes sports seats, cruise control, side skirts, air conditioning, sports suspension and 17-inch alloy wheels as standard.

Available with a choice of five low emissions, Euro 5 engines, all fitted with Start&Stop as standard, the new Punto Evo comes in five different trim levels – Active, Dynamic, GP, Eleganza and Sporting.

Among the advanced engine line-up are two power units featuring Fiat's new MultiAir technology. The full list includes: 1.4 8-valve petrol, 1.4 16-valve MultiAir petrol (105bhp and 135bhp) and 1.3 16-valve MultiJet diesel (75bhp and 95bhp).

Standard equipment in the entry-level Active model includes ABS anti-lock brakes with EBD, driver, passenger and knee airbags, radio/CD/MP3 player, power steering, electric mirrors and Blue&Me infotainment.

Dynamic trim level adds such equipment as side and window airbags, leather steering wheel and air conditioning, while Eleganza models get alloy wheels, cruise control and rear parking sensors as standard. The GP specification includes rear spoiler, dark tinted headlights and foglights.

"There has been much speculation about the price of the new Punto Evo since we first announced the car earlier this year, and we're delighted now to be able to reveal details," says Elena Bernardelli, marketing director, Fiat Group Automobiles UK.

"Punto Evo is in an important and highly competitive sector of the market but we are confident that we have a beautifully-equipped car at value-for-money prices that will keep it competitive and desirable."

The Punto Evo goes on sale through Fiat's 170-strong UK dealer network in January.

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5008 gets five-star safety tick

FOLLOWING in the footsteps of the Peugeot 3008, and before it is launched, Peugeot's new 5008 compact MPV has been awarded five stars by Euro-NCAP under its more stringent 2009 test protocol.

The new test, called the Euro-NCAP global rating, combines the scores from all the different individual tests, Adult Occupant Protection, Child Occupant Protection, Pedestrian Protection and the new area of assessment, Safety Assist. Under the new test, vehicles are awarded a single total score from one to five stars. The entire range of previous tests is still included but now points are also awarded for Rear Impact (Whiplash) Protection and the availability of ESP and speed-limiting systems.

A total of six airbags are fitted as standard on all models:

- Two adaptive front airbags (Passenger airbag can be deactivated to fit a rear-facing child seat)
- Two side air bags
- Two head/curtain airbags covering all three rows of seats

To restrain the occupants, seven three-point inertia reel seat belts with a fasten seat belt warning system are fitted. At the front, pretensioners and force limiters are fitted.

To protect occupants in a rear impact from possible "whiplash" injuries, the front and rear head restraints and the design of the seats ensure good support for the head.

The Peugeot 5008 also provides high levels of child safety with three Isofix child seat mountings to ensure child safety seats are attached directly to the vehicle structure. All mountings are of the latest three-point design and are available on all the passenger seats in the second row.

The 5008 is also equipped with an electrically- operated child safety system which automatically locks the rear doors and disables the electric rear windows, all from a switch operated by the driver.

Active safety is also a strong point with the standard fitment on all models of ABS with EBFD/EBA, ESP and traction control.

The new 5008 is launched next month. Further details from *www.euroncap.com*.

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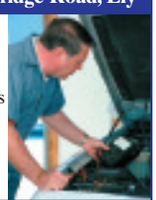

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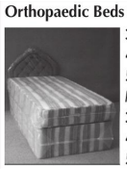

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(A)
THE M11 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 9 TO JUNCTION 12, CAMBRIDGESHIRE)
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 200

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M11 Motorway in Cambridgeshire, to provide a safe working environment for the workforce whilst carriageway resurfacing works are carried out between Junctions 10 and 11.

The works would take place overnight between 8pm-6am Mondays to Thursdays, 9pm-8am Fridays, 7pm-10am Saturdays and 9pm-6am Sundays and are expected to begin on or after Monday 4 January 2010 and last for approximately 3 months. The Order would come into force on 29 December 2009 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

The effect of the Order would be to –

(a) close, in turn, the northbound and southbound carriageways of the M11 between its junctions with the entry and exit slip roads at Junctions 10 and 11, including those slip roads; and

(b) impose a 50 miles per hour speed limit, for 24 hours a day in the interest of safety due to incomplete safety barrier and to accommodate overnight works, on the M11 –

i. northbound carriageway between the centre point of Ickleton Grange Overbridge, north of Junction 9 and 300 metres north of the centre point of Plant Breeding Institute Overbridge, north of Junction 11 including the northbound entry and exit slip roads at Junctions 10 and 11, and

ii. southbound carriageway between the centre point of Haggis Farm Overbridge at Junction 12 and 500 metres north of the centre point of Duxford Grange Overbridge south of Junction 10, including the southbound entry and exit slip roads at Junctions 10 and 11.

During the closures –

i. traffic wishing to join the M11 southbound at J14 would be diverted via the A14 eastbound to J35 at Stow cum Quy, the A1303 eastbound to join the A1304 southbound, the A11 and either the A505 to M11 J10 at Duxford or the M11 Spur Road to M11 J9,

ii. southbound traffic at M11 J11 would be diverted via the A10 towards Royston then the A505 to M11 J10 at Duxford, and

iii. northbound traffic would be diverted at M11 J9 onto the M11 Spur road then via the A11, the A1304 and the A1303 to join the A14 at J36 to M11 J14, alternatively, northbound traffic would be diverted at M11 J10 via the A505 eastbound, the A11, the A1304 and the A1303 to join the A14 at J36 to M11 J14.

Vehicles with an overall width exceeding 2.9 meters would be exempt from the closure described at (a) due to unsuitable diversion routes and would wait to be escorted through the works area.

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» Bowls

City march on in trophy as they win with ease

CITY of Ely took on Wellingborough for a place in the last 16 of the Egham Trophy national competition.
Wellingborough included current England International Paul Broderick in their team and he was quick to show his class in the opening five ends against Andrew Easy's rink, opening up a 10 shot lead.
However, Ely's own England International team mates Greg Harlow and Nicky Brett, were also in good form, and, accompanied by Jamie Reynolds, skipping the remaining rink, Ely took the overall lead early on.
It was a position in which they would never look back. Although Easy was struggling to contain Broderick, Harlow's team on the accompanying rink produced a fine performance to alleviate any worries they may have had.
While Wellingborough battled hard, Ely's two away rinks, in particular, Brett and Reynolds, produced a couple of fine wins to secure an overall 91-55 victory and book a last-16 match against Boston on Sunday, December 20.
Scores (Ely skips first): **A Easy 16 P Broderick 21, G Harlow 21 J Walker 11, N Brett 27 W Winsor 11, J Reynolds 27 W Gregory 12.**

» Football round-up

Leyland and Munden lead Witchford goal riot

Witchford Colts 13 Cambridge All Stars 1
B M KEMPTON 9v9 U11 YOUTH LEAGUE, DIVISION B

WITCHFORD dominated the game as they recorded another comfortable victory against a naive and disorganised Cambridge side.

Colts took control from the first whistle and were 4-0 up before, on virtually their first attack of the match, Cambridge grabbed what would prove to be a consolation goal.

Goals flowed throughout the match for Witchford as they played neat pass-and-move football.

Joe Leyland and Callum Munden weighed in with four goals each, Jack Curtis, Luca Philo and Ben Lymer nabbed one apiece, and their were two own goals.

Witchford: A Matcham, S Brewer, H Border, K Reed, J-J Corlito, A Jay, L Philo, B Lymer, J Leyland, J Curtis, C Munden.

Ely Crusaders 19 Willingham Wolves 0
CAMBS MINI LEAGUE, DIVISION 11B

TEN Ely players registered on the scoresheet, including three hat-tricks, as Crusaders overwhelmed Willingham.

The home team signalled their intentions from the start as Sam Felton opened the scoring within 20 seconds.

Crusaders took full advantage as first James Barrett and then Lewis Hook claimed first-half hat-tricks.

Another for Felton, and Jake Butler's brace, were backed up by strikes for Edward Frodsham, Sebastian Pettit and Anthony Riches as Ely hit 13 first-half goals.

The second period was a more subdued, but Ely continued to play some excellent football, with six individual players adding goals.

Hook, Felton (for his hat-trick) and Pettit all contributed another goal apiece, and add to their individual first-half totals.

George Leech, Jordan Marston and Jay Spittles added their names to the goalscorers, while stand-in keeper Jake Butler kept a clean sheet.

Crusaders: J Barrett, J Butler, S Felton, E Frodsham, T Funnell, L Hook, G Leech, J Marston, S Pettit, A Riches, J Spittles.

Witchford 0 Alconbury 0
S-TECH CAMBS GIRLS LEAGUE, U13 DIVISION

WITCHFORD bounced back from the previous week's heavy defeat with a good team performance against a well-organised Alconbury side.

The home team were a player down due to last-minute illnesses but the girls battled hard in an even first half and dominated the play in the second.

Player of the match was Leah Bingham, who gave her best performance for the club.

Witchford: L Marshall, C Minall, S Lappin, E Grace, E Wright, J Hickman, G Day, L Peacock, B Halls, L Bingham, A Skilbeck, S Smith.

Keeper Nick receives an England call-up

NICK Pope from Wicken has been selected for the English Colleges FA national squad.
Pope, pictured, a Sports Academy footballer at West Suffolk College, Bury St Edmunds, went through two rounds of trials before attending a final trial at Lilleshall, where the selection was made.
Academy manager Neil Reader said: "Nick is an outstanding prospect, who fully deserves this recognition. He joins an impressive list of former students who have also earned national honours.
"Everyone at the college is proud of his achievement and we are confident he will do very well."
Pope was released from Ipswich Town Academy at 16 and joined West Suffolk College soon after.
He has established a fine reputation for himself and has been a key figure in Bury Town U18s' impressive run in the FA Youth Cup. He has also become No 2 gloveman in the Bury Town senior squad behind Marcus Garnham, and the first-choice keeper for Suffolk U18s.
Pope is currently in his second year studying a National Diploma in Business at the college.
His first match will be on January 11 against Wales, and will be followed up by a tour to Italy.

» Rugby Union

Red card rounds off Ely's bad day

Fakenham 24 Ely 13
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE

ELY endured a frustrating time when they travelled to Fakenham – the only team below them in the league – on Saturday.

Not only did they suffer defeat, but they also had Ed Fahy red-carded, along with an opponent, near the end.

Looking to break their losing streak, the Tigers went into the match with a full-strength squad and high hopes of turning the season around.

The first half saw both sides trying to dominate play, with the competition between the forwards particularly intense.

With Ely desperate to stop a Fakenham attack, they conceded an early penalty, which the home side converted.

From the restart, Fakenham attacked as Ely looked disorganised in defence.

With the pressure mounting, the ball found its way into the Fakenham winger's hands and he skipped over the line to make it 8-0.

The visiting forwards struggled to find their feet in the set-piece, leaving their backs starved of ball. A glimmer of hope came when No 8 Stacy Mould managed to get his hands on the ball and release Dan Coulson, who with pinpoint accuracy hit the hands of Ben Forteath, who found space and attacked.

But, during the attack, he fell awkwardly and was substituted by Rhys Hurst.

Following on from the momentum gained, the Tigers continued to attack. But their efforts were short-lived and the ball was eventually turned over.

Ely failed to heed the referee's warnings and another penalty was awarded, which was converted, leaving the Tigers trailing 11-0 and facing an uphill struggle.

The only light at the end of a seemingly dark tunnel came when Fahy broke for the line, chipped the ball over the defence and gathered it and dived over the line to reduce the arrears to 11-5.

Shortly after his try, Fahy also kicked a penalty to close the gap to 11-8.

Fakenham scored another try to lead 16-8 at the interval.

The Tigers' team-talk at half time was full of positives and they went to the restart with aggression and a clear objective.

The second half started in much the same vein as the first, and, following a further penalty, Fakenham increased their lead to 19-8.

Fakenham started to apply more pressure, but Ely came back with a try from Luke Cornwell, who, following an excellent break by Coulson was there in support to crash over the line.

But the final blow for Ely came in the form of a final try to Fakenham and the loss of Fahy, to a red card after appearing to defend himself as the Fakenham hooker – who also received his marching orders – rained blows upon him.

Delight as young Tigers show their teeth

ELY U9 braved the wet weather, with all the players contributing to an impressive team performance in both matches played at Stowmarket on Sunday.
Against Beccles, Ely dominated the play for the first couple of minutes.
When Beccles looked in danger of scoring, a superb tackle by Ralph Lawrence saved the day.
The ball changed hands several times in this closely contested game, with Beccles scoring before half time.
Ely came back after the break, determined to equalise, with the whole team getting behind the ball for George Freeman to put it over the line.
Beccles came straight back with another try, but, not to be outdone, player-of-the-week Matthew Melloy then equalised for Ely, before a great tackle by Ben Gamble stopped Beccles from scoring a third.
Ely quickly took control of the first half of their match with Stowmarket.
Most of the play was close to the Ely tryline with Robert Armer managing to score that all-important first try of the game.
Ely started the second half as strongly as the first, with Armer tearing away for his second try.
Solid defence by Ely meant that Stowmarket were unable to gain any ground, with an awesome tackle by Freeman preventing a Stowmarket try.
Ely squad: **B Allsop, R Armer, T Butler, G Freeman, B Gamble, R Lawrence, F Livingston, M Melloy, K Mulhall, J Newton, J Pachebat, J Smith.**

» **Speedway:** Latest news from West Row

Plucky Priest wants to revive glory days

LUKE Priest is a man on a mission to return to his former glories before his horror smash three years ago as he prepares for his first full campaign with Mildenhall.

The 25 year old from Shrewsbury appeared in the Fen Tigers' final four Premier League fixtures in 2008 and joined mid-season in late May this year, when he obtained a 7.23 average from 20 appearances.

"I felt established in my career prior to my big accident" said Priest.

"For the last two years, I have gone into the season with big plans, but they haven't materialised and Mildenhall have been there to give me an opportunity.

"We all clicked and had a very good end to the season and the general consensus was that if we could start next year with the same team, which has more or less happened, we'd do pretty well.

"My average is not what I'm used to, I was used to scoring 10 or 11 points before my crash.

"My first few meetings went well, then things levelled out a bit. Now I've got the experience and knowledge of my home circuit I will look to start the season as I mean to go on."

The severity of Priest's injures, following his crash in July 2006, sent shockwaves across the speedway scene as he fought for his life.

A shattered pelvis and serious internal injuries have now cleared, but he still has a metal plate in his left ankle to hold his tibia and fibula in place.

He added: "I don't remember anything about the accident and to talk about it is not a big deal.

"It was the first year Stoke had an air fence installed to improve safety, and, if it had been a normal fence, I wouldn't have done any damage.

"I still do the same things as I did before and I am trying my best to get back to where I used to be. I'll be stripping the bikes down and have a few practices at Stoke before Christmas and then hit the ground running in the new year."

Raring to go: Luke Priest has big targets for next season. Picture: Jeff Higgott (CP)

» **Boxing**

Sadler aims for revenge mission . . .

SHANE Sadler hopes for a rematch with Mark Flowers after losing their encounter at a show in London.

The Little Thetford puncher, who boxes for the Army, suffered a split decision defeat to his Navy opponent, despite feeling he had done enough for victory.

Sadler, right, stuck to the basics and felt they served him well against the former Combined Services welter-weight champion, so was disappointed when the score came through.

He said: "I came out and felt comfortable in the first round, and the same goes for the second round.

"I knew he was going to come for me in the last round because he was probably thinking he was behind, and he did everything he could.

"It was a Navy show with Navy judges, so I probably didn't have much chance before I went in there, but I'm gutted because it was a big fight for me and I did the simple stuff well.

"I'm hoping we can get the fight on again, but I don't know what they'll think about that."

» **Hockey**

Eight-goal Ely make light work of struggling Saints

ELY travelled to St Neots on Saturday and maintained the club's scoring spree against a lowly team struggling in Division 2N.

The visitors started slowly, and, with hindsight, gave the opposition too much respect. But they finished the first half two goals ahead with Matt Holden supplying the pinpoint passes for Robert Radcliffe and Jack Upton to calmly finish past the St Neots keeper.

St Neots 0 Ely 8
NE14 EAST MEN'S LEAGUE, DIVISION 2N

Ely restructured after the half-time break, with skipper Chris Purllant moving from sweeper to centre-forward to bolster the attack.

The change appeared to have the desired effort for Ely as the scoring chances started to come against the struggling St Neots defence.

A further goal for Radcliffe, a brace for Purllant and a hat trick for Holden secured a satisfactory 8-0 win and three points for Ely.

Ely have the short trip to face March on Saturday and expect a tough encounter against a team one place behind them in the league.

» **Angling**

Jackson's effort keeps Blue Boys in the pink

STEVE Jackson secured third spot on Trev's Lake to help Blue Boys to success in the third round of the Winter Teams of Four at Headfen Lakes, Little Downham.

Geoff Arnold was first on Snake Lake with 45lb 6oz, reeling in 28 carp to maggot, fished across the lake.

And on Trev's Lake, it was Colebys High Flyers' Gavin Eeles who earned top spot with 27lb 11oz, with carp to 5lb on method feeder and maggot, fished tight to the island. But Jackson's third spot, with 24lb, aided the cause of Blue Boys.

They finished first on nine points, with Westside Baggers second, totalling 13. The result helped Blue Boys top the overall league table with four points, three ahead of Westside Baggers.

Details: Snake Lake – 1 Geoff Arnold (Suffolks Finest) 45lb 6oz, 2 Neil Wallis (Westside Baggers) 44-4, 3 Phil Hurn (Downham Market) 40-8; **Trev's Lake** – 1 Gavin Eeles (Colebys High Flyers) 27-11, 2 Val Coleman (Downham Market) 25-2, 3 Steve Jackson (Blue Boys) 24-0; **Team result** – 1 Blue Boys 9 points, 2 Westside Baggers 13, 3 Downham Market AC 14, 4 Suffolks Finest 16. **League standings** – 1 Blue Boys 4 points, 2 Westside Baggers 7, 3= Suffolks Finest and Downham Market AC 10.

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Goalkeeper Nick gets an England call

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» **FOOTBALL:** Round-up of news on the Robins and Greens

City exit Vase with a whimper

St Ives Town 3 Ely City 0
FA VASE, THIRD ROUND

ELY City's run in the FA Vase came to a halt when they were beaten in Saturday's third-round tie, away to St Ives Town.

First-half goals from Carl Foreman and Conor Washington set the Hereward Teamwear United Counties League, Premier Division high-fliers on their way to a 10th successive victory.

Ely improved after the break, but superb saves from Gavin Armitage maintained Town's lead.

Ozie Foster then completed the win with a third goal in injury time.

City manager Dennis Lightning said: "We lost the game in the opening 20 minutes of the first half. These are the sort of game where you need people to come to the party, and, unfortunately, the players looked like they'd been at a party all night!

"We improved in the second half and their keeper made a couple of really good saves.

"We had six important players missing, including our two main strikers, so we were always going to struggle."

The Robins are in Ridgeons League, Premier Division action on Saturday when Walsham Le Willows will be the visitors to the Unwin Ground, kick-off 3pm.

Vital tackle: Ely City's Brady Stone, left, comes in with a crucial challenge to end a dangerous St Ives attack.

Pictures: Keith Heppell SPO 615320

Under pressure: Ely goalkeeper Lee Pacey claws the ball away during a St Ives attack. SPO 615659

Heavy defeat down to me – Benjamin

Sutton Coldfield 6 Soham 0
ZAMARETTO LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE MIDLANDS

IAN Benjamin held his hands up and accepted full responsibility for Saturday's crushing defeat at Sutton Coldfield.

The Rangers boss decided to throw young keeper Jamie Chamberlain straight into the action after a lengthy lay-off, but admitted afterwards the move had backfired.

"I put Jamie back in and he wasn't ready," he said. "I could have put him in the reserves to get some sharpness and fitness, but I decided to put him in straight away.

"Jamie is going to be a fantastic keeper and has got excellent potential.

"This will be a good test for his character, to see if he bounces back – I'm sure he will."

Rangers made a bright start but it all started going wrong in the 30th minute when Chamberlain went to claim a long ball but did not get there in time, allowing a home forward an easy finish for a 1-0 lead.

Poor marking at a free kick gifted Sutton Coldfield a second on the stroke of half time.

The third came early in the second half when a mix-up between Chamberlain and Scott Johnson allowed another easy goal, and more defensive sloppiness resulted in a fourth.

The hosts completed the win with two late well-taken goals.

Benjamin said: "I can't criticise the players when I've made a mistake with a decision that I have to accept responsibility for."

■ The Greens are back in league action on Saturday when they are due to make another trip to the West Midlands.

This time their opponents will be a Stourport Swifts team who are currently in a position just below mid-table.

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